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Centre tightens norms for foreign contributions

Amended FCRA Rules stipulate that NGOs must stick to specified activities in their category and geographical areas; disclosure of social media accounts and other publications made mandatory

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) wanting to access foreign funds must now stick to a list of activities specified by the Centre, according to the latest amendment to the Rules of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010, notified on Monday.

While NGOs seeking foreign funds are required to register under one of the five permitted categories, namely social, economic, educational, cultural, and religious, this is the first time separate activity lists have been laid out for those in each category.

NGOs must now disclose their activities, the geographical scope of their programmes, their websites, social media accounts, and publications. They must pay separate fees for each category and State or Union Territory they operate in, as opposed to the previous single fee for FCRA registrants.

Any new registration must follow the new norms and existing registrations must comply with the changes within the next year. Any violations will be penalised with a minimum fine of ₹1 lakh, according to another order from the Union Home Ministry.

The Ministry regulates all foreign donations through the FCRA. Earlier amendments of the Rules only required NGOs to give an undertaking that their acceptance of foreign funds is not likely to affect the sovereignty and integrity of India or impact friendly relations with foreign states or disrupt communal harmony.

The amended Rules also broaden the definition of an NGO's "key functionary" beyond office-bearers and directors to include trustees, partners, the *Karta* or head of a Hindu Undivided Family, governing body members, and anyone else controlling or managing the organisation. Associations having foreign nationals (other than persons of Indian origin) as key functionaries will ordinarily not be considered eligible for registration or prior permission, unless specifically permitted by the Centre, according to the new Rules. NGOs must also declare whether their association or any of their key functionaries brought out any publication during the year, including books, magazines, and newspaper articles.

A senior government official said that the amendments were effected to bring uniformity in Foreign Contribution forms (F-C) and to avoid duplication.

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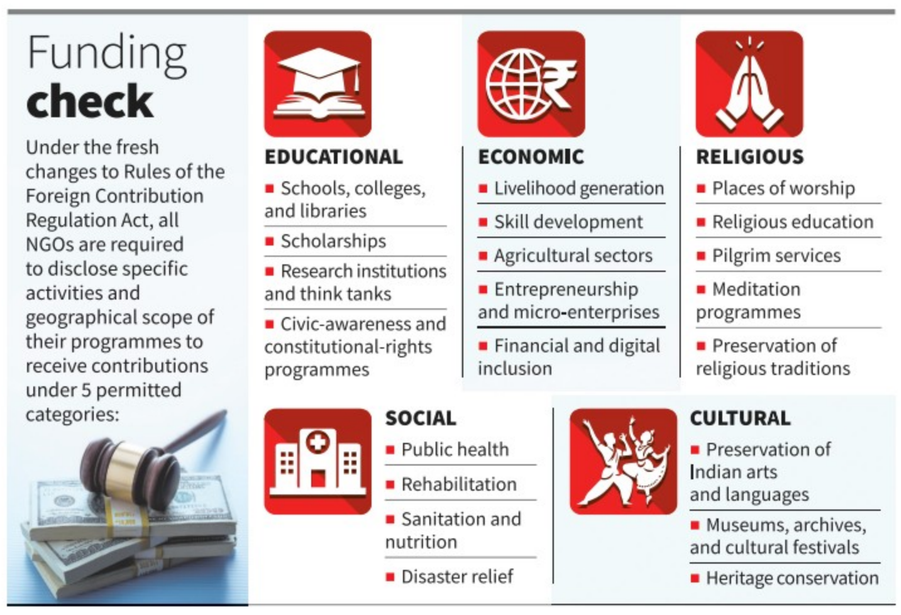

Commuters stranded for hours as technical fault hits Purple Line services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro services on the Purple Line were disrupted during peak hours on Tuesday from around 6.45 p.m., after a train developed a technical fault near Cubbon Park Metro Station in the underground section, leading to severe crowding at several stations along the corridor.

Services were yet to resume normalcy at the time of going to print.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) said that a technical fault was noticed in one of the trains at Cubbon Park Metro Station. The issue was reported by the Operations Control Centre (OCC), following which operations and maintenance teams were deployed to attend to the fault on priority.

Due to the disruption, train services were operated only between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station (Majestic) and Challaghatta on one side and between Indiranagar and Whitefield (Kadugodi) on the other. Services in the affected underground stretch remained suspended, resulting in long waiting times and overcrowding at stations.

Passengers crowd the entrance of Cubbon Park Metro Station on Tuesday. MURALI KUMAR K

A senior BMRCL official told *The Hindu* that the disruption was caused by a fault in the Current Collector Device (CCD), a critical component that enables a Metro train to draw power from the electrified third rail. "The device ensures a continuous supply of high-voltage electricity to the train's traction motors. The CCD was damaged before the train reached Cubbon Park Metro Station, resulting in the technical snag," the official said.

The official further said that rectifying the issue is a time-consuming process, as the damaged component must be carefully repaired and the affected train safely moved out of the section.

Meanwhile, a few commuters who were on board the train said they heard a loud noise before it came to a halt.

One of the passengers, Alan Desousa, wrote on X: "There was a huge sound in the last coach just as it entered the Cubbon Park tunnel. The rear motor drives aren't working, and the HVAC turns off frequently as the train picks up speed. There are occasional jerks as the train cruises after acceleration."

As crowds increased across stations during the evening peak hour, BMRCL temporarily closed entry at M.G. Road station, while Cubbon Park Metro Station remained shut following the disruption. Thousands of commuters were left scrambling for alternative modes of transport.

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IMO announces plan to evacuate vessels stuck in Persian Gulf

The plan announced by the UN body involves two routes that ships are currently using to transit the Strait of Hormuz. REUTERS

M. Kalyanaraman
CHENNAI

International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez has announced a plan to evacuate all the ships – and the 11,000 seafarers on them – stranded in the Persian Gulf due to the war in West Asia.

"This large-scale operation will be carried out in close cooperation with Iran, Oman, and all other coastal States in the region, the United States, and the maritime industry," he said.

Although his statement does not explicitly refer to Iran's plan, the plan put out by the Sultanate of Oman does mention both routes – one along the Omani coast and the other along the Iranian coast – that ships are currently using to transit the Strait of Hormuz. The plan also asks vessels to contact the respective "coastal state" of their selected route to confirm transit.

Mr. Dominguez added: "We have secured the necessary safety guarantees and have thoroughly verified the conditions for safe navigation to support these operations."

The IMO, a UN agency, referred to a letter written by Oman's Ministry of Defence to Pakistan's National Hydrographic Office that gives a detailed plan for the evacuation. Pakistan, along with Qatar, has been a mediator in the negotiations between Iran and the U.S.

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Wang Yi calls for resuming dialogue mechanism

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, in talks with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval in New Delhi on Monday, called for both sides "to accelerate the resumption of dialogue mechanisms and promote exchanges" in trade, finance, and other fields, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a statement early on Tuesday.

He also called for the two sides "to respect each other's core interests, properly handle sensitive issues, place the China-India boundary issue in its appropriate position, and prevent it from affecting the overall situation of bilateral relations".

Mr. Wang's reference to the resumption of dialogue mechanisms being "essential" follows the Chinese Ambassador to India, Xu Feihong, saying earlier this month that most of the dialogue frameworks between India and China still remained stalled.

A statement from New Delhi said both sides reviewed developments in bilateral relations and noted progress towards normalisation in relations.

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Vijay govt. moves SC on row over lighting of lamp on T.N. hill

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Tamil Nadu government headed by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay has moved the Supreme Court challenging orders passed by the Madras High Court on lighting of a lamp at a stone pillar near a dargah on the Thirupparankundram hill in Madurai district.

The High Court's Division Bench had, in early January, confirmed a previous Single Judge Bench order directing the Subramaniya Swamy Temple management in Thiruppparankundram to light the *Karthigai Deepam* at the *deepathoon* (stone pillar) atop the hill, besides the usual places.

The previous DMK government had been unable to convince the court that the lighting of the lamp may stir a hornets' nest and lead to public disturbances. The Single Judge had dismissed the apprehensions of the State as an "imaginary ghost". The Bench had remarked that such a turn of events would happen only with the State's blessings, and not otherwise.

"It is ridiculous and hard to believe the fear of the mighty State that by allowing representatives of the Devasthanam [temple management] to light the lamp at the stone pillar near the top of the hill located within its territory of Devasthanam land, on a particular day in a year, will cause disturbance to public peace. Of course, it may happen only if such a disturbance is sponsored by the State itself," the High Court Single Judge Bench had observed.

The court had urged the State to not "stoop" to that level to achieve a political agenda. It had reasoned that allowing a few persons to light the lamp and permitting worship was not an unmanageable task, the High Court had noted.

The State is being represented by advocate B. Karunakaran in the Supreme Court.

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Is Catalunya a tipping point in a changing landscape?

No one could have left Barcelona thinking exactly the same way they arrived. For Ferrari, the weekend offered validation. For Mercedes, it provided a warning. For Hamilton, it delivered redemption. And for Formula One itself, it may have provided something even more valuable: a championship battle that suddenly feels alive again

Natalia Hannah Rice

Formula One likes to tell itself that every race counts the same. 25 points are available on a Sunday whether the paddock is in Melbourne, Monaco or Monza. Yet some weekends carry a significance that stretches beyond the numbers on the championship table. They trends, alter narratives and force teams to rethink what they thought they knew.

The 2026 Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix may have proved to be one such weekend. When Lewis Hamilton crossed the finish line to secure his first victory as a Ferrari driver, the result was significant enough on its own. The seven-time World Champion claimed the 106th victory of his career and handed Ferrari its first win of the season. More importantly, however, the race may have marked the point at which Formula One's competitive landscape began to shift. For much of the opening phase of the season, Mercedes appeared untouchable. Kimi Antonelli's remarkable rise had become the story of the championship, the 19-year-old building a commanding lead at the top of the standings. George Russell had provided consistent support, and Mercedes had set the pace from the start of Formula One's sweeping 2026 regulations. The championship seemed to be developing a familiar rhythm. Mercedes set the pace. The rest chased. Barcelona changed that.

Unique place

Historically, Catalunya has occupied a unique place in Formula One. Drivers often describe the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya as one of the most complete examinations of a racing car. Long corners expose aerodynamic weaknesses. Technical sections punish balance issues. Tyre degradation places a premium on race management. Unlike street circuits, where unusual circumstances can distort results, Barcelona tends to reveal the genuine competitive order.

That is precisely why teams have traditionally targeted the Spanish round with major upgrade packages. Engineers trust what they learn there. This year was no different. Ferrari arrived having spent the early part of the season chasing Mercedes, with Hamilton coming off the back of two second-place finishes at the Canadian and Monaco Grands Prix. He went into qualifying with relatively low expectations, having missed Friday's opening practice session to make way for an academy driver.

Instead, he produced a brilliant final lap to fall just 0.064 seconds short of Russell's pole position, securing his highest grid position since joining Ferrari and his first front-row start for the team. Hamilton himself admitted he was "really surprised" by the result, saying he genuinely hadn't expected to be fighting for the front row. Russell's own pole lap carried its own context. He had fallen 68 points behind his Mercedes teammate in the standings after failing to score points in the two Grands Prix before Barcelona, and needed a big weekend. He duly delivered one, producing a superb final lap to outpace Antonelli by around three tenths of a second and claim pole. It would prove to be his last clean shot at victory all weekend. Barcelona provided the clearest confirmation yet that Ferrari's underlying pace was strong. Hamilton's victory was not the product of luck alone. Ferrari's strategy was bold, but the pace underneath it was genuine.

The team pitted Hamilton early to undercut Russell, then again on Lap 28 to undercut him a second time, with Mercedes choosing not to cover the move. Hamilton then built his advantage on fresher tyres before a Virtual Safety Car, triggered by Fernando Alonso's retirement, allowed him to take his final stop with minimal time loss and emerge in the lead with fresher rubber than the Mercedes cars behind him. He went on to win by close to 20 seconds. The result was a victory built on speed, race-long tyre management, and a fair amount of fortunate timing.

The significance extends beyond a single win. For the first time this season, Mercedes looked vulnerable. Antonelli's retirement, with four laps remaining and an apparent power unit issue, denied the championship leader what would have been a podium finish and cut his points advantage over Hamilton to 41. Mechanical failures are part of Formula One, but their timing can often shape a season. Until Barcelona, Antonelli's campaign had carried an air of inevitability. Instead, Barcelona reintroduced uncertainty.

Antonelli's failure was not an isolated data point, either. It was the second such retirement for Mercedes' factory team in three events, after Russell's car also failed while he was leading in Canada. Mercedes has since said it has traced the cause to the power unit's battery. Technical director James Allison said the issue "has laid a few Mercedes engine cars low over the season so far" and described the failures as "very, very painful," while team principal Toto Wolff said the team's reliability was "just not good enough." A single mechanical gremlin is a footnote. A diagnosed, recurring fault becomes a storyline rivals start planning around.

Hamilton's victory reduced the gap at the top of the standings and reminded the paddock that experience remains one of Formula One's most valuable assets. At 41, Hamilton became the oldest winner of a Grand Prix since Jack Brabham in 1970 and he reached that milestone a full 19 years after his first F1 win, for McLaren in 2007. The achievement was not simply a statistic. It was evidence that a driver many believed was entering the twilight of his career remains capable of shaping a championship. The emotional weight of the victory was impossible to ignore.

Since signing for Ferrari at the start of 2025, Hamilton had struggled to get to grips with the car, failing to score a single podium that year. There were encouraging signs once the new regulations arrived in 2026, with podiums in Canada and Monaco, but victory remained elusive. Questions inevitably emerged. Had Hamilton arrived too late and could Ferrari provide the machinery required for another title challenge.

Barcelona did not answer every question, but it provided the strongest response yet. Speaking on the team radio afterwards, an emotional Hamilton said: "Thank you so much for helping me achieve this dream. I just can't thank you enough... to my fans, thank you for continuing to remind me who I am. I couldn't have done this without you." More importantly, it transformed Ferrari from hopeful challenger into genuine contender. The broader significance of Catalunya lies in what it revealed about the development race. The first season under a major regulation change often produces dramatic swings in competitiveness. Teams begin with imperfect understanding. Development pathways remain uncertain. Small discoveries can generate large gains. A concept that appears dominant in March can look ordinary by July. Barcelona suggested that Formula One may be entering exactly that phase. Mercedes remains the benchmark. Its advantage has not disappeared overnight. Russell secured pole position and ultimately finished second, underlining the team's continued strength. Yet the aura of invincibility has been broken. Rivals now possess tangible evidence that the silver cars can be beaten on merit. That psychological shift matters.

Championships are shaped as much by belief as by outright pace. A dominant team forces competitors into desperation. They gamble on radical developments, overreact to setbacks and lose confidence in their direction. Once dominance cracks, the equation changes. Teams become bolder. Drivers become more aggressive. Momentum begins to shift.

Ferrari is not the only team encouraged by Barcelona. McLaren continues to linger within striking distance. Lando Norris inherited the final podium spot after Antonelli's late retirement. It was his second podium of the season, coming after he had failed to score points at the previous two Grands Prix, on a weekend where McLaren looked more competitive than it had in those earlier rounds. The reigning World Champion may not yet possess the fastest package on a given Sunday, but Formula One history is full of title fights transformed by sustained pressure rather than outright superiority.

The race also delivered a piece of motor-sport history beyond the championship fight: with Hamilton, Russell and Norris filling the podium, it marked the first all-British podium since 1968. The European segment of the calendar has often acted as a dividing line within a season. Early races establish expectations. The summer races determine whether those expectations survive. Barcelona sits at the entrance to that stretch. Austria is next on the calendar. These circuits demand different strengths, exposing different weaknesses and creating fresh opportunities for development gains. Teams will arrive armed with new data collected from Catalunya. Engineers will spend long nights interpreting what they learned. Drivers will leave with altered perceptions of their chances. No one leaves Barcelona thinking exactly the same way they arrived. For Ferrari, the weekend offered validation. For Mercedes, it provided a warning. For Hamilton, it delivered redemption. And for Formula One itself, it may have provided something even more valuable: a championship battle that suddenly feels alive again.

Formula One has a habit of overturning conclusions just when certainty appears within reach. Yet, some races resonate long after the podium celebrations end. They become reference points, moments that historians revisit when explaining how a season evolved. If the 2026 championship develops into the multi-team fight many had hoped for, Barcelona may be remembered as the place where everything changed.

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Three of family murdered; police suspect daughter, her boyfriend

The accused, Shwetha, the elder daughter of the couple, and her boyfriend, Kenneth, were allegedly in a live-in relationship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 55-year-old man, his wife, and their younger daughter were murdered, allegedly by their elder daughter and her boyfriend, at an apartment in Seegehalli under K.R. Puram Police Station limits in east Bengaluru late on Monday night. The deceased have been identified as Somasundar, 55, Muthulakshmi, 48, and Supriya, 20.

Their bodies were found in a flat at Sai Green Apartment in Dhamnika Layout, Seegehalli. Somasundar was a software professional, and Supriya was pursuing her graduation.

The accused, Shwetha, a private firm employee and the elder daughter of the couple, and her boyfriend, Kenneth, were allegedly in a live-in relationship.

Somasundar, Muthulakshmi and Supriya whose bodies were allegedly found in a flat.

They were residing in a flat that was rented a month and a half ago. The victims are said to have opposed the relationship, leading to frequent disputes within the family. The couple and their younger daughter had visited their elder daughter around 7 p.m., on the night of the incident.

The police suspect that there was an argument, which escalated, as the parents objected to Shwetha's relationship with Kenneth. They suspect that Shwetha and Kenneth stabbed the trio to death before fleeing from the scene.

The crime came to light after neighbours alerted the authorities.

Senior officers from the K.R. Puram Police Station visited the spot and conducted an inspection. The bodies were shifted to a hospital for post-mortem examination.

A case has been registered, and efforts are on to trace the accused.

"There might have been an argument, following which the stabbing occurred. Police teams are working to trace the accused," Bengaluru East Division Deputy Commissioner of Police Saidulu Adavath said.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that six teams have been formed to track down the accused who are presently on the run.

Explaining the crime, he said that the victims had sustained multiple stab injuries and had died due to excessive bleeding.

A security guard said neither he nor the neighbours heard any commotion, and the CCTV captured the accused walking out of the apartment.

Daughter, grandson held for murder of 75-year-old woman at Kengeri

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 75-year-old woman was allegedly beaten to death by her daughter and grandson following a quarrel over property, at Subhash Nagar within the limits of Kengeri Police Station limits in Bengaluru. The victim has been identified as Jayamma, 75. The police have arrested her daughter Bhagyalakshmi and grandson Vikas in connection with the murder.

Preliminary probe revealed that the family was allegedly addicted to alcohol and frequently sold property to fund their drinking habit. PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE

Preliminary probe revealed that the family was allegedly addicted to alcohol and frequently sold property to fund their drinking habit. On Sunday night, an argument reportedly broke out between Jayamma and Bhagyalakshmi over the sale of family property.

During the heated exchange, Vikas allegedly joined the quarrel. The police said the accused assaulted Jayamma with a wooden pestle used for preparing food, causing fatal injuries. The accused did not inform anyone about Jayamma's death. Later, Vikas reportedly called a friend asking him to bring liquor, saying his grandmother had died, and that he was mentally disturbed.

When the friend arrived, he noticed Jayamma's body, and immediately alerted the police who rushed to the spot and uncovered the murder.

Based on the complaint and subsequent investigation, the Kengeri police registered a case, and arrested Bhagyalakshmi and Vikas. As the accused were in an inebriated state, they were admitted to a hospital. The police were waiting for their recovery to question them.

83-year-old man 'kills wife', found dead in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An 83-year-old man allegedly killed his wife before ending his life following a domestic dispute at their residence under Sampigehalli Police Station limits in Bengaluru.

The deceased have been identified as Sumitra Prasad, 77, and her husband Shivananda Prasad, 83, natives of Bihar.

According to the police, the elderly couple had recently come from Bihar to stay in their son's house in Bengaluru. Sumitra was reportedly suffering from vision-related and heart ailments, while both were facing age-related health issues.

Preliminary investigation indicated that the couple had frequent arguments over health-related concerns.

On Monday night, after dinner, they retired to their room. The police suspect that Shivananda Prasad smothered his wife to death before taking his life.

The incident came to light when family members noticed that the couple did not come out of their room.

The Sampigehalli police visited the house.

The bodies were shifted to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem examination.

A case has been registered, and further investigation is under way to ascertain the exact circumstances leading to the deaths.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these helplines: TeleMANAS at 1-8008914416/ 14416, NIMHANS at 08026685948, 9480829670 or SAHAI at 080 25497777, +91-9886444075)

Elder brother among 4 held for 'killing' man for insurance benefits

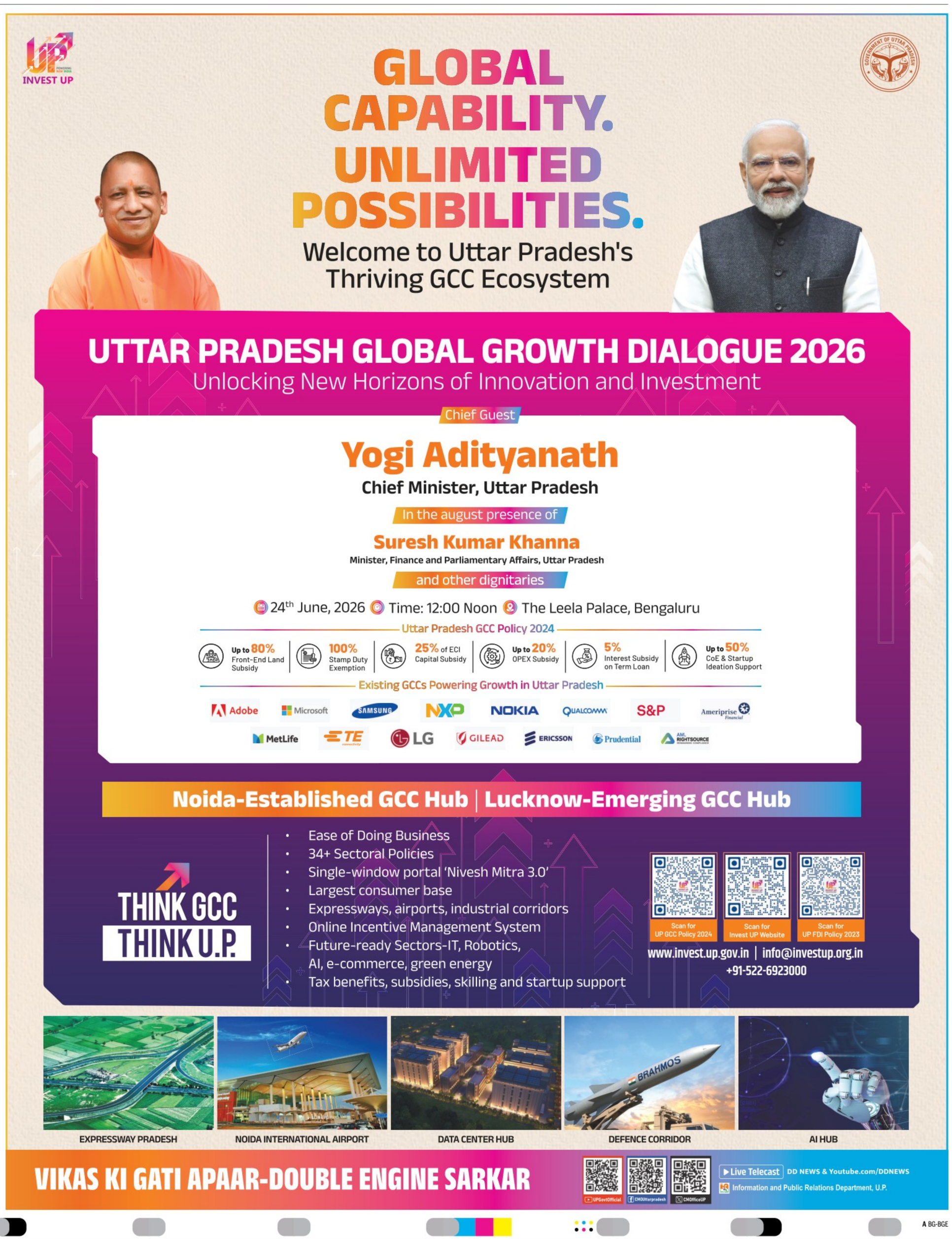
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Tumakuru district police have solved a murder case, arresting four persons, including the victim's elder brother, for allegedly killing him to claim insurance benefits. The victim, identified as Ramesh, was found dead near his motorcycle on the Hosanahalli-Badenahalli gate road on Saturday.

The incident was initially reported as a road accident. Based on the findings, the police registered a murder case on Monday.

The arrested accused have been identified as Hanumantharaju alias Raju, 40, Lakshmikanta alias Praveen, 31, Naveen Kumar, 28, and M.D. Jilan alias Rayyan, 21.

The prime accused, Raju, the victim's elder brother, had allegedly purchased a ₹15 lakh life insurance policy in Ramesh's name and had made himself the nominee. Investigators claimed the policy would provide higher compensation in the event of an accidental death. The police revealed that the accused lured Ramesh to a secluded location on the night of June 19. They allegedly assaulted him, attempted to run him over with a car, and later strangled him with a battery-jumper wire.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The strange link between AI hallucination and creativity

A setting called temperature governs how adventurous an LLM's outputs are: the higher the temperature, the more likely the model reaches for the less likely options and surprises the user; this is the dial that one turns up when seeking a poem instead of a weather report; the trouble is that the same dial governs hallucinations

Viraj Kulkarni

In the prologue to his 1989 book *The Emperor's New Mind*, the Nobel laureate Roger Penrose narrates a story. At a grand public ceremony, an ultimate supercomputer is switched on for the first time before a packed auditorium. It is the most powerful machine ever built, designed to answer any question put to it. The presenter invites the audience to ask its very first question, but no one volunteers. Everyone is afraid of looking foolish before the intelligent machine. Then a young boy named Adam, who has grown up among computers and is not intimidated by them, raises his hand and asks the first question. There the prologue ends on a cliff-hanger. We are never told what the question is.

Penrose used this story to introduce a deeper argument about the limits of computation and the nature of human understanding. He contends that there are truths a formal mathematical machine cannot reach no matter how powerful it becomes.

But reading this story a decade ago, long before ChatGPT or Claude existed, brought a different question to mind: what if the ability to answer every question correctly is not always a virtue? What if some of the qualities we value most, such as imagination and creativity, depend on our ability to venture beyond what is already known?

Today, as we build machines that can answer questions, write essays, generate code, and analyse data, that question feels very relevant.

As AI models are encouraged to be more adventurous, their creativity and hallucinations increase together. AEDRIAN SALAZAR/UNSPLASH

Natural instinct

For all their remarkable capabilities, these systems sometimes make things up. We call this hallucination. Ordinarily, a hallucination means to see or hear something that is not there. In artificial intelligence (AI), a model hallucinates when it produces an answer that sounds plausible but is factually wrong. It may invent a citation, misstate a number, fabricate a legal case, or attribute a quote to the wrong person.

This is not a minor flaw. In medicine, law, finance, science, and journalism, hallucinations can be dangerous. A medical chatbot that invents advice is not being imaginative but unsafe. A legal tool that fabricates case law is being unreliable.

Our natural instinct is to want to eliminate hallucinations but this is harder than it appears. Large language models (LLMs) do not work like databases, storing facts in neat rows and columns, and retrieving the right answer when asked. They are trained on enormous collections of text and learn statistical patterns in language. When prompted, they generate a response by predicting what will come next, one piece at a time.

An LLM generates text one word at a time, each word a probability drawn from patterns it absorbed during training. A setting called the temperature governs how adventurous those draws are. If the temperature is low, the model will pick the safest, most predictable next word and produce an accurate and dull output. If the temperature is higher, the model will reach into the less likely options and begin to surprise you. This is the dial you turn up when you want a poem instead of a weather report.

The trouble is that the same dial governs hallucinations. A 2025 study reported evidence that creativity and hallucination tend to increase together as models are encouraged to be more adventurous and explore regions of lower probabilities. In other words, the model that dares to write something genuinely new is the same model that dares to make something up.

A different 2025 study found that the mechanisms that let these systems produce novel, imaginative text by departing from learned patterns are the same mechanisms that open the door to hallucinations.

It is also easier said than done to simply build a better model that does one without the other. In September 2025, researchers at OpenAI and Georgia Tech argued that hallucinations are not bugs to be patched but a statistical inevitability of how these systems are trained and tested. Models are rewarded, like students in an exam hall, for guessing rather than admitting ignorance. A confident wrong answer may score better than an honest "I don't know".

Scrubbed of surprise

The second study went further, and this is where Penrose returns to the room. Drawing on the foundational theorems of computer science about the limits of computation, laid by the work of Alan Turing and Kurt Gödel, they argued that no computable model can ever be universally correct. There will always be questions on which any given machine must fail. Hallucination, thus seen, is not a flaw in our engineering but a long shadow cast by the limits of computation itself.

Penrose used just this family of ideas to argue that human thinking cannot be reduced to mere computation. Many philosophers and computer scientists think he is wrong but modern researchers are pointing at the same wall from the other side. Penrose said machines are bounded, human minds are not. Modern researchers say machines are bounded, and here is the proof. Both agree that the wall is there.

We are pouring extraordinary effort into making these systems truthful, and we should. But if accuracy and imagination draw from the same well, a machine perfectly scrubbed of error might also be a machine scrubbed of surprise. This may also teach us something about ourselves. Human beings also hallucinate in a softer, broader sense all the time. We imagine futures. We invent stories. We see patterns. We form hypotheses. Much of this is wrong – but some of it becomes science, art, philosophy, and technology. The difference is that human societies developed methods to discipline imagination. Science uses experiments. Journalism uses verification. Philosophy uses argument.

Perhaps AI needs something similar: not a ban on hallucinations but better institutions of verification around it.

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THE GIST

- For all their remarkable capabilities, AI systems sometimes make things up, called hallucinations
- Ordinarily, a hallucination means to see or hear something that is not there
- In AI, a model hallucinates when it produces an answer that sounds plausible but is factually wrong
- A system may invent a citation, misstate a number, fabricate a legal case, or attribute a quote to the wrong person
- But if accuracy and imagination draw from the same well, a machine perfectly scrubbed of error might also be a machine scrubbed of surprise
- The difference between AI systems and human societies is that the latter developed methods to discipline imagination: science uses experiments, journalism uses verification and philosophy uses argument

BIG SHOT

Behind the veil: Children take shelter from the sun at a primary school in Grabels, near Montpellier, France, on Tuesday, where the Racine programme is being tested to reduce temperatures. The Racine programme aims at adapting primary schools to heatwaves with a set of sun protection, refreshments, and ventilation. AFP

WHAT IS IT?

Carbon isotopes: clocks of sorts

Reuters

Scientists studying the comet 3I/ATLAS have determined that this interstellar visitor formed an estimated 12 billion years ago in a primordial planetary system, and has a composition unlike anything in our solar system.

An evaluation of the chemical make-up of 3I/ATLAS, only the third interstellar object ever spotted in the solar system, provided guidance about the physical and chemical conditions in the planetary system where it formed, the researchers said.

They added that 3I/ATLAS appears to have been born in a much colder environment (-243C) than the one in which the earth and other bodies in our solar system formed roughly 4.5 billion years ago. They said it has travelled a vast distance since it was somehow expelled from its home planetary system.

The researchers measured the ratio of isotopes — different versions of chemical elements such as hydrogen and carbon — observed on 3I/ATLAS using the James Webb Space Telescope.

Its hydrogen isotopes offered evidence about temperature and radiation in the environment in which 3I/ATLAS formed. Its carbon isotope ratios offered clues about the composition of the interstellar gas cloud that gave rise to 3I/ATLAS and its home planetary system.

The Hubble telescope's image of the interstellar comet 3I/ATLAS on July 21, 2025, when the comet was 446 million km from the earth. NASA

The carbon composition indicated 3I/ATLAS formed some 12 billion years ago during a period of intense star formation in its region. The universe is thought to have begun with the Big Bang event 13.8 billion years ago, so 3I/ATLAS would date to a time when the cosmos was only around 13% of its current age.

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HC allows probe into case of 'missing' dogs

The complaint relates to the alleged ill-treatment of dogs in the DRDO township and how 21 stray dogs subsequently went missing

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Where are the 21 stray dogs that once roamed freely inside the Phase-II township of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Kaggadasapura? The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday allowed the continuation of a probe to find the answer by vacating an earlier stay on the investigation into a criminal case. The case was registered by an animal husbandry official of the Bengaluru East City Corporation based on a public complaint alleging ill-treatment of stray dogs inside the township.

However, the court restrained the police from harassing the petitioner-officials of the DRDO or taking any coercive action against them, irrespective of the outcome of the probe. At the same time, it directed the petitioners to cooperate with the investigation and assist the prosecution in arriving at the truth. Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order while modifying the earlier order on the petitions filed by Rakesh Kumar Sahu, estate manager, Estate Management Unit (EMU), DRDO township, and T.G. Sudhakar, cleaning supervisor, DRDO. The FIR was registered on March 9 on a complaint lodged by Vivek

K. Bidarakar, Assistant Director, Animal Husbandry, who acted on complaints received from both animal activists and the public, who raised concerns via social media on the alleged ill-treatment of dogs in the township during an incident on March 5, when EMU staff reportedly captured three strays.

The complaint alleged that 21 stray dogs went missing from the township subsequently. The petitioners, who were arraigned as accused along with three unidentified persons in the FIR, had approached the court challenging the allegations against them. The court had stayed the probe on March 25.

On Tuesday, Additional Solicitor General of India Arvind Kamath, appearing for the petitioners, told the court that the offences alleged against the two estate officers were "to say the least, preposterous". He contended that the offences under Sections 240 (giving false information in respect of an offence committed), 270 (causing public nuisance), 325 (mischief by killing or maiming an animal) and 61 (criminal conspiracy) could not even remotely be linked to any acts allegedly committed by the petitioners.

However, Mr. Kamath said an investigation was necessary to ascertain who entered the DRDO campus, took away the dogs and what their present status is, while arguing that the petitioners cannot be held responsible. He clarified that DRDO staff had no role in the capture or disappearance of the dogs.

Vaishali Hegde, appearing for the city corporation, argued that no one can enter the DRDO township without permission. She said that the questions of who entered the township, took away the dogs and where the dogs are now are matters that require investigation. Meanwhile, State Public Prosecutor B.N. Jagadheesha told the court that the offences invoked in the FIR may have been erroneously cited, but the investigation should be allowed to continue to ascertain what happened to the 21 dogs. Following this, the court permitted the probe to continue. The court directed the Mahadevapura police to submit a probe report by August 11 and adjourned the hearing till then.

ARO suspended for indulging in Khata fraud

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has ordered the suspension of K.S. Manjula, Assistant Revenue Officer (ARO) of the Herohalli Sub-Division (Bengaluru West City Corporation), over alleged illegal khata conversion, causing the loss of crores of rupees to the civic body.

The order follows an investigation revealing her direct involvement in a massive, multi-crore illegal khata registration scam. The alleged fraudulent activities came to light following a detailed complaint filed by N.R. Ramesh, former Bengaluru South district BJP president and former councillor.

The complaint alleged that Ms. Manjula had flouted statutory regulations to issue illegal 'A-Khatas' and 'e-Khatas' for over 50 individual plots located within an unauthorised layout.

Subsequent investigations conducted by civic officials allegedly confirmed severe, deliberate lapses.

The investigation exposed manipulation of the State's 'e-Aasthi' electronic property registration platform. Ms. Manjula allegedly utilised digital property IDs (ePIDs) belonging to completely unrelated properties to execute fraudulent mutations.

After the land's original owner, B.H. Gangaiah passed away in December 2024, his legal heirs applied for a family tree inheritance transfer, a 'Pouthi Khata', in 2025.

The ARO allegedly illegally overwrote 76 existing ePIDs registered under completely different names, such as "BEECHBS" and "Priyadarshini", illegally transferring them to Gangaiah's heirs without valid title deeds. The ARO is alleged to have actively bypassed a circular issued by the then BBMP Chief Commissioner, which prohibits any unauthorised subdivision or splitting of property khatas without competent administrative approvals. Consequently, the GBA has suspended Ms. Manjula.

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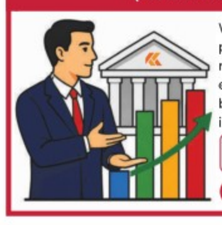

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Persons arrested by Turkey weeks ahead of NATO summit

209 Two weeks before hosting a NATO summit that will be attended by leaders including U.S. President Donald Trump, Turkey arrested over 200 people with alleged ties to jihadist and far-left groups. Rights groups and local media said the detainees included a journalist, three lawyers, an academic and a union official. AFP

Number of districts most vulnerable to crop damage

111 The government has identified 111 districts as most vulnerable to crop damage as a 43% monsoon deficit driven by El Nino threatens Kharif sowing, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Tuesday. Mr. Chouhan said weak monsoon conditions were likely to persist until July 2, leaving little time for farmers to plant the Kharif (summer) crop. PTI

Number of rape cases recorded in Maharashtra in 2025

8,643 Maharashtra registered 47,954 cases of crimes against women in 2024, the second highest in the country, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Tuesday. He stated that 8,643 rape cases were recorded in 2025, an increase of 703 from the previous year, while the number of crimes against children rose by 482. PTI

India-bound ships transited through Strait of Hormuz

11 Eleven India-bound ships have transited through the Strait of Hormuz after the U.S. and Iran finalised a Memorandum of Understanding to end the West Asia conflict. External Affairs Ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal said on Tuesday. The vessels include three Indian-flagged crude oil tankers, each carrying over 2,85,000 metric tonne crude oil, he said. PTI

Number of old flyovers to be repaired by Delhi govt. across city

44 The Delhi government plans to conduct structural audit of 44 old flyovers across the city in a move aimed at improving commuter safety, PWD Minister Parvesh Verma said on Tuesday. The Public Works Department has decided to hire a consultant to carry out the survey of the flyovers older than 15 years and submit a report. PTI

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Is RSS a legal person?

Should the RSS be formally registered under law? Has it been recognised in law or court cases? Can an unregistered body sue or be sued? Are RSS-affiliated organisations legally registered? What regulatory gap does the RSS debate highlight?

EXPLAINER

Rizmi Lia M.

The story so far:
Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge, in a letter dated June 13 addressing the Sarsanghchalak (chief) of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Mohan Bhagwat, questioned the legal status of the RSS.

In an accompanying post on social media platform X, Mr. Kharge asked, "If citizens, labour, NGOs, trusts, temples and companies are expected to register, disclose and comply with the law, why should the RSS remain exempt?"

He raised similar questions towards the end of last year as well regarding the legal existence of RSS. He has asked about the registration, organisation structure, funding and donation and also about the overall functioning of the organisation.

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh workers perform at a training camp closing ceremony, in Sambalpur on Saturday. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat describes the organisation as "a body of individuals". ANI

What is a legal person?
According to legal theorist John Salmond, "A person is any being whom the law regards as capable of rights and bound by legal duties." The term 'person' is further classified into two terms: 'natural person' and 'juridical/artificial person'. Generally, in law, a living human being is considered a natural person. However, a juridical/artificial person is an entity created by law that possesses legal rights and obligations distinct from its members or the individuals associated with it. For example, companies incorporated under the Companies Act are artificial persons, statutorily recognised as legal persons.

To be a company, certain criteria must be met according to Section 9 of the Companies Act, 2013. That includes that, after registration, a company shall be a body corporate by the name contained in its memorandum - "capable of exercising all the functions of an incorporated company under this Act, having perpetual succession, having a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property both movable and immovable, tangible and intangible, to contract and to sue and be sued" by the said name.

How does RSS describe itself and what is its organisational nature?
In a similar exchange in December 2025, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat described the organisation as "a body of individuals". RSS in itself is a socio-cultural voluntary organisation with an ideal "to carry the nation to the pinnacle of glory through organising the entire society and ensuring protection of Hindu Dharma", according to the website.

RSS has been addressed as an "association of persons", according to the *Commissioner Of Income Tax v Rastriya Swayam Sangh* on February 22, 1994, in which they have been sued with respect to tax exemption.

The Income-tax Appellate Tribunal has referred this matter to Patna High Court to address whether the amount received from members and devotees can be taken to be *Gurudakshina* (token of gratitude to teacher) and thus be exempt from taxation. The court held that the amount received from members can be taken to be *Gurudakshina* and be exempted from tax.

Section 2(31) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, defines 'person' expansively and includes a 'body of individuals', whether incorporated or not. Under the 1961 Act, the 'body of individuals' is a separate taxable entity comprising exclusively natural persons (human beings) who have come together for a shared purpose.

Generally, unregistered bodies cannot sue or be sued in their own names, as they are not considered separate legal persons.

The organisation is, however, named as a distinct party in cases including *Singhai Lal Chand Jain v Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh* on February 15, 1996 in the Supreme Court of India. The case revolved around the eviction of the RSS from certain premises in Panna, Madhya Pradesh, initiated by the appellant, Singhai Lal Chand Jain. The appellant filed a civil suit seeking the eviction of the RSS and its office-bearers, alleging unauthorised occupation of the premises. Holding that the RSS was properly represented by its Manager, President, and a member who jointly defended the suit, the court upheld the eviction decree.

What are the legal options for registering a voluntary association in India?
Registering a voluntary association in India requires choosing one of three primary legal structures: a Society (under the Societies Registration Act, 1860), a Trust (under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882), or a Section 8 Company (under the Companies Act, 2013).

The company after incorporation intends to apply its profits, if any, or other income only for promoting its cited objects.

What about donations/*Gurudakshina*?
As mentioned earlier, the RSS's legal status came under scrutiny in the 1970s during tax proceedings in Bombay and Patna. The disputes centred on whether donations received as "*gurudakshina*" from RSS workers were taxable. In the case of *Commissioner Of Income-Tax v Rastriya Swayam Sevak Sangh* on 22 February, 1994, The Patna High Court addressed the matter and exempted RSS from taxes, considering donations from members as *Gurudakshina*. Also, the Income Tax Act considers a 'body of individuals' as a 'person', as mentioned above.

There is the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010, which regulates the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution or foreign hospitality by certain individuals or associations or companies. Any donation, delivery or transfer received from a 'foreign source' whether in rupees or in foreign currency, is construed as a 'foreign contribution' under FCRA, 2010.

Even for the grant of registration under FCRA, the association should be registered under an existing statute like the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 or Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013 etc. The association should be in existence for at least three years and has undertaken reasonable activity in its chosen field for the benefit of the society for which the foreign contribution is proposed to be utilised. And the applicant NGO/association will be free to choose its items of expenditure (excluding the administrative expenditure as defined in Rule 5 of FCRR, 2011) to become eligible for the minimum threshold of ₹15 lakh spent during the last three years.

How can one join RSS?
According to the Frequently Asked Questions section of the RSS website powered by Bharati Web Private Limited, "there is no formal membership enrolment in the RSS. Anyone can approach the nearest 'Shakha', which is the fundamental unit of activity of RSS and become a swayamsevak. There are no fees, no registration form, and no formal application. Once you start attending the daily shakha either in the morning or in the evening as per your convenience, you become the swayamsevak of RSS. It is that simple. If someone does not know any shakha or Swayamsevak nearby, One can join the RSS online too."

Any person who wants to work towards the *sanatan dharma* can join the RSS, even if they don't visit the shakhas. There is no formal procedure or criterion that stops anybody for that matter from joining the organisation. There is a registration form on the website that requires one to fill up primary details for the same.

What are the RSS affiliates and are they registered?
There are around 32 sister organisations that work under the umbrella of RSS, with many more like-minded organisations. The Akhil Bhartiya Vidhyarthi Parishad, the Vidya Bhrati, Bharatiya Janata Party, Vishva Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, Durga Vahini, Dharam Sansad or Religious Parliament etc.

The list of RSS-affiliated bodies is vast and spans every sector of Indian society: students, education, labour, agriculture, women, tribals, culture, science, law, economics, publishing, and more. However, each of these is registered under different laws.

For example, the student body Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad began its activities around 1948 and was registered on July 9, 1949, as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. Thus, the units of the RSS function as registered entities.

Trade union Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh functions within the legal framework governing labour organisations. Educational, social-service and tribal welfare bodies associated with the Sangh generally operate through registered trusts and societies.

RSS continues to describe itself as a voluntary socio-cultural organisation and a body of individuals rather than a registered corporate entity. Court records show that it has been recognised in tax proceedings and litigation, while many organisations associated with the Sangh function through separately registered bodies.

Mr. Kharge's questions, however, have renewed the debate over whether an organisation of the RSS's scale and reach should continue to operate without a formal registration framework.

THE GIST

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Wife of prime accused in gym trainer murder case alleges DIG falsely implicated realtor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The wife of a realtor in Anekal, who is the prime accused in the murder of a gym trainer, has levelled allegations against Central Range DIG S. Girish, claiming that he falsely implicated her husband to pressure him into sharing profits and making him a partner in real estate ventures.

The realtor is alleged to have paid ₹25 lakh to eliminate the gym trainer as he was having an affair with his daughter.

Refuting the allegations, Mr. Girish said that the accused is on the run and efforts are on to trace him. "He has cooked up this story to dilute the issue. He will be tracked down soon," he said.

Video

The woman, identified as Sandhya, released a tearful video appeal addressed to the Karnataka Home Minister, seeking intervention and protection for her family. The video has since gone viral on social media.

According to Ms. Sandhya, her husband Prasad Rao, a real estate developer involved in projects in Anekal and Hosur, had been under severe stress for the past month and had withdrawn from family interactions.

She alleged that when she questioned him about his distress, Rao allegedly told her that he was being mentally harassed by DIG Girish, who was allegedly pressuring him to make him a partner in his business ventures and share profits from the projects.

Missing

Ms. Sandhya further claimed that her husband had been missing for about a week. The police department said all allegations made by the woman are false and without merit.

The police said efforts are under way to apprehend the remaining accused and that legal action will be taken against them in accordance with the law.

PG owner beaten to death in Kasturinagar; two students arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The owner of a paying guest (PG) accommodation was allegedly beaten to death following an altercation with two college students near Kasturinagar Main Road in the Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station limits in Bengaluru on Monday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Madhav Matle, 37, owner of Laxmi Narasimha PG. According to the police, the incident occurred between 6 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in front of the PG.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused, identified as Rakesh, 21, a final-year B.Com student, and Don Brite Son, 20, a first-year BBA student, were washing their legs using tap water inside the PG premises.

Matle allegedly objected to their actions, leading to a heated argument.

Cricket bat

During the altercation, the PG owner reportedly brought a cricket bat to assault the youths.

However, the accused allegedly snatched the bat from him, and assaulted him with it.

Matle sustained severe injuries, and later succumbed.

The police suspect that the two accused had consumed alcohol before the incident. Both have been arrested, and are being questioned.

'First wildlife forensic unit to be launched soon'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka is set to establish its first-ever wildlife forensic unit; preparations have been finalised, and the facility is expected to become operational shortly, Home Minister Priyank Kharge announced on Tuesday.

The dedicated unit will play a crucial role in investigating wildlife crimes, poaching incidents, and illegal wildlife trafficking cases by providing scientific and forensic support to enforcement agencies. Officials believe the initiative will significantly strengthen the State's ability to combat organised wildlife crime and improve conviction rates.

Mr. Kharge made the announcement during a review meeting at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) headquarters in Madiwala. He said the new facility marks a major step in expanding Karnataka's forensic capabilities and reflects the government's commitment to adopting scientific methods in criminal investigations.

Praising the achievements of the FSL, the Minister noted that Karnataka has emerged as one of the country's leading States in forensic science, with internationally accredited laboratories, advanced digital forensic capabilities, and a track record of supporting high-profile investigations.

He stated that the government would fill vacant posts in the FSL and further strengthen forensic infrastructure to ensure faster, more accurate, and transparent investigations across the State.

The Minister also lauded the laboratory's role in establishing scientific links between the murders of journalist Gauri Lankesh, scholar M.M. Kalburgi, activist Narendra Dabholkar, and activist Govind Pansare through forensic analysis, a contribution that earned national recognition.

He noted that despite a significant rise in case numbers in recent years, the laboratory has managed to reduce report delivery timelines across various divisions from almost 40 months to just one to four months through technological advancements and enhanced efficiency.

The review meeting was attended by Director General and Inspector General of Police, M.A. Saleem, ADGP Crime and Technical Services, P. Harishekhar, FSL director, Divya Gopinath, and other senior officials.

18 bonded labourers rescued in Mysuru dist.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Eighteen bonded labourers, including two children, were rescued from a brick kiln at Bevinahalli village in T. Narsipur taluk of Mysuru district, leading to the arrest of three kiln owners on charges of bonded labour, trafficking, illegal confinement, physical assault, and atrocities against Scheduled Tribe members. The rescue operation was carried out on Monday by officials of the district administration, Labour Department, the Police Department and NGO representatives, after receiving information that labourers were being held in bondage and subjected to physical abuse at the kiln.

Acting on the information, the Tahsildar, Labour Inspector T.P. Lakshmeesha, NGO representatives, and the Bannur police visited the brick kiln and rescued the victims.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 24
RISE 05:56 SET 18:49
RISE 14:14 SET 01:23

THURSDAY, JUN. 25
RISE 05:56 SET 18:49
RISE 15:04 SET 02:02

FRIDAY, JUN. 26
RISE 05:56 SET 18:49
RISE 15:55 SET 02:43

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	34	15
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	29	22

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower with gusty winds may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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Publication of Tender Notice No. 08-S&T-MYS-2026- 01, 02 & 03 Dated: 17-06-2026
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

SL	Name of the work	Approx. Value
01	S&T Works in connection with the Elimination of LC Nos. 102, 103 and 104 between Subrahmanya Road-Kabakaputtur station by Construction of Low Cost ROBs.	Rs. 38,34,576.80
02	Provision of CCTV network, Railnet/LAN network and Telephone connection at Construction of new RPF Out Post building at Pandavapura (PANP).	Rs. 8,12,464.92
03	Provision of CCTV Cameras for Escalators at Mysuru, Davangere and Lifts at, Hassan, Arsikere, Kadur, Birur, Shivamogga Town, Krishnarajanagar, Tiptur & Subrahmanya Road Stations of Mysuru Division	Rs. 43,33,303.18

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 27711 OF 2025
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

THE RESIDENTS FORUM ... Petitioner(s)
VERSUS
THE STATE OF KARNATAKA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)
To,
1 ORISSA CULTURAL ASSOCIATION,
NO.19, 5TH MAIN JAYAMAHAL EXTENSION BENGALURU -560 046 REP BY ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, SRI U RANJAN MOHANTY,
DISTRICT- BANGALORE, KARNATAKA.
PID: 130767/2026 FOR R[9] IN SLP(C) NO.27711/2025 (SEC IV-A)

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., SUBSTITUTED SERVICE above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Ms. RANU PUROHIT, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 15th September, 2025, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

1. Delay condoned. Accordingly, I.A. No. 226297/2025 is allowed.
2. One of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the plot in question is marked as a green area in the master plan of 2007, which is the last master plan and that the master plan of 1995 wherein it was reserved for residential area, stands superseded.
3. Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.
4. In the meantime, the parties are directed to maintain status quo with regard to the nature of the land in dispute."

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 08th May, 2026, when the following order was passed:-

" Opportunity to file counter affidavit on behalf of respondent nos. 1, 2 and 7 has already been declined. Counter affidavit on behalf of respondent nos. 3, 4 and 6 has been filed after the opportunity has been declined. Apprise the fact before the Hon'ble Court.
Counter affidavit on behalf of respondent no. 5 has already been filed.
Service is complete on respondent no. 8 but none has entered appearance.
Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed an application for substituted service in respect of respondent no. 9 by way of paper publication in newspapers namely "Times of India" Bangalore Edition (English) and "Prajavani Bangalore" (Vernacular language).
Application is hereby allowed.
Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file Affidavit alongwith proof of paper publication by 22.05.2026.
List again on 14.07.2026.
Copy of this Record of Proceedings be furnished to the concerned Learned Advocate-on-Record for information and compliance. "

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing SLP delay in filing SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLP and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 13th May, 2026 **Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode - 560001.

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 r/w Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)
RC No. 408 / 2022 IN O.A. No. 387 / 2020

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Whereas in execution of certificate **RC No. 408 / 2022 in O.A. 387 / 2020** issued by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal - I, Bengaluru,** the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

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Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on **20.08.2025.**

Recovery Officer II
DRT - I, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the Public that, my Client, **SRI. K. RAMACHANDRA Son of Sri. A. Kannaiah aged about 57 years, residing at No: 50, 4th Cross, Ganapathinagara, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560026** has intended to purchase the Schedule Property from its Present owner **(1). SRI. RAMACHANDRA B.P.** Son of Late Puttanarasaiah M.N and Smt. Venkatalakshmamma, aged about 46 years **(2) Smt. UMADEVI** Wife of Sri. Ramachandra B.P aged about 43 years (3) **KUMARI. DIVYASHREE R** daughter of Sri. Ramachandra B.P aged about 22 years **(4) KUMARI. VARSHITHA R** daughter of Sri. Ramachandra B.P, aged about 19 years all are residing at No 81, Mutharayanapura Village, Kurubarakarenahalli Dhakale, Ganagallu Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk previously Ramanagaram District Presntly Bangalore South District, along with the Consenting Witnesses of **(1) SRI. RAJANNA ALIYAS SRINIVASA M.P.** son of Sri. Puttanarasaiah aged about 48 years **(2) SRI. ASHOK B.P.** Son of Sri. Puttanarasaiah aged about 44 years **(3) SMT.SUMALANGALA B.P.** daughter of Puttanarasaiah aged about 34 years and **SRI. SHAMANNA. R** Son of Sri. Evanna aged about 48 years

Any person/s, any other legal heirs/representatives, having any claim, right, title and interest or possession mortgage, hypothecation, lien etc., have got any objection or opposing the above referred transaction whatsoever may lodge his/their objections or claims with supporting documentary evidence /proof to the undersigned within **SEVEN (7) Days** from the date of this notice/publication, failing which it may be presumed that there are no objections or claims to complete the **SALE TRANSACTION** in favour of my clients. Any objections/ claims received after the lapse of SEVEN (7) Days will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property land bearing Old Survey No: 40, Block No. 2 New survey No: 78 measuring 2 Acres 33 Guntas (Two Acres Thirty-Three Guntas) with a revenue tax (Aakara) of Rs. —Ps— including all rights and privileges thereto and bounded on: East by: - Cooperative Layout. West by: - Land of Bhadramma Wife of Dasappa. North by: - Town (village). South By: - Huchaiah's land.

L. LAKSHMINARAYANA, B.Com., LLB., **Advocate,** #1462/33, Pipe Line, Vijayanagar BANGALORE - 560 040. MOB: 9880039840

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Smt.Sayeedunnissa Shamshuddin to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Sale Deed dated 08.08.2003 registered as document No.6214/2003-04 of Book I, CD.No.YNK51 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yalahanka, Bangalore in respect of Site No.2126, measuring 96 Square Meters., has been lost at the time of travelling. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Original documents. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide Lost Report No.2270517/2026 dated 23.06.2026.**

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our clients, **Mr. Balanarayanan Raghavan and Mrs. Gayatri Keelapudi,** intends to purchase a residential **Vacant Site bearing No.992,** formed in **Assessment No.32/2, Arkavathy Layout 3rd Block,** Ward No.05, Jakkur Ward, Bangalore, measuring **East to West 12.00 meters, North to South 18.00 meters, totally measuring 216 Square Meters or 2325 Square Feet,** situated at **Sampigehalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on:

East : Site No.991,
West : Site No.993,
North : Road,
South : BDA Property,
from its owner **Mrs.Rekha Jain** wife of Mr.Ramesh Kumar Katariya and **Mrs.Asha Jain** wife of Mr.Lalith Kumar Katariya.

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
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ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Arihant Group of Institutions, Corporate Campus, organised 'Aarambha 2026', the I PUC Orientation Programme, welcoming students and parents to the new academic year. Chief Guest Ms. Ruthuparna Sharma, author, speaker and founder of The World of Silence, addressed the gathering on the importance of self-belief and dreaming big. Dr. Ashwini K., Associate Director, presented an overview of the institution, while Ms. Yashaswi Nagori, Managing Trustee, encouraged students to pursue excellence and holistic growth. The programme also felicitated Mehak M. Jain, Himanshu V. Chouhan and Indra Kumar for their outstanding academic achievements.

WALKATHON AND CYCLOTHON

Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra, Banashankari, organised a Walkathon and Cyclothon to promote environmental awareness and sustainable living. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Ramachandrappa, Sub Inspector of Traffic Police, Shri Shekar, Sub Inspector, Correspondent Shri Vasanth Kumar Guruji and Pradhanacharya Smt. Nanda Mathaji. Students, teachers and parents participated enthusiastically, carrying placards and distributing seed balls to encourage tree plantation. Chief Guests Smt. Dr. Shyla H.N. and Dr. Vineeth Mohan addressed the gathering on environmental protection and eco-friendly practices. Upapradhanacharya Smt. Sandhya Mathaji presented tokens of gratitude to the guests.

FOUNDING DAY CELEBRATED

Sri Jnanakshi Vidyaniketan, Rajarajeshwarinagar, celebrated their 27th Founding Day with the theme "Plant Today for a Better Tomorrow". The programme was held under the grace of Divine Mother Sri Rajarajeshwari and the blessings of His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tiruchi Mahaswamigal and His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Jayendra Puri Mahaswami. Students presented cultural programmes highlighting education, values and environmental conservation. The Hon. Secretary (Principal) addressed the gathering, emphasising holistic education and social responsibility. A prize distribution ceremony for Scouts and Guides was conducted, followed by a sapling plantation drive promoting environmental protection.

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[Regulations 34(3)]
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Whereas the above named Certificate Debtros were ordered by Recovery Certificate to pay to the Applicant Bank (Certificate Holder) a sum of **Rs. 52,23,220/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Only)** together with interest applicable / payable as per the Recovery Certificate (R.C.) till the date of realization and whereas the said sum has not been paid by the CDs.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed or which shall be pointed out to you by the said certificate and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C. and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before **25.09.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sanjiv Kumar Ruhela S/O, Chandar Pal Singh R/o No9, G2, Slv Regency, 1st Cross, Vyalikaval Layout, Bengaluru, 560040 have changed my name to Sanjeev Ruhela for all purposes.

I, MANJU Bai, R/a No.112/1, Govindappa Road, Near Vimalnath Jain Temple, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 have changed my name to Manju Bai Sohan Lal vide affidavit dt: 17.06.2026 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'luru.

I, Tabbassum W/O, Junaid Ulla Khan R/o No 115 1st Floor 5th Cross 5th Main Road Rahamathnagar Bangalore North R T Nagar Bangalore 560032 have changed my name to Mehreen Taj.

I, SAGHEER Ahmed Naser Abdul Wahab S/o Naser Abdul Wahab residing at No.40, E No.4th Street, HKP Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051 have changed my name to Sagheer Ahmed vide Affidavit dated 22-06-2026 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, SAMRUDHI Sudhakar Shetty, D/o Sudhakar Shetty Kudalu, R/at No.6, 6th Cross, 6th Main, Lakshmappa Garden, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name to Samruddhi Sudhakar Shetty video affidavit dated 06-03-2026 sworn before Notary Gangaraju,B.N, Bengaluru.

I HITHERTO known as Vinay Krishna B M S/O Muni swamy B K R/O #82/5, Ward no 15, Kandavara Bagilu, VTC Chik Ballapur, P O Chickballapur, Sub Distt. Chikballapur, Distt. Chikkaballapur, State Bangalore – 562101 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Revanth M.

I, MEHNAZ Irshad W/o Mohammed Irshad Ahmed residing at No.21, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Dinnur Main Road, Kausar Nagar, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Mehnaz Mustafa Ibrahim vide affidavit dated 22-06-2026 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, ANILKUMAR SURESH, S/o SURESH, residing at 3/3, Umala Naik Tanda, VTC Mudnal, Post Mudnal, Taluk Yadgir, District Yadgir, Karnataka 585202, hereby declare that my name is recorded as ANIL KUMAR, ANILKUMAR and ANILKUMAR SURESH in various educational, identity and other official documents.I further declare that all the aforesaid names refer to one and the same person, namely myself.Henceforth, I shall be known and identified as ANILKUMAR SURESH for all purposes. Sd/–(ANILKUMAR SURESH)

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K. Prathiba R/o 17,B Cross, Indira Nagar Second Stage, Bangalore-560038 have changed my minor daughter's name from M. Merlin Theresa to M. Nithya for all purposes

I, Akthar Begum W/O, Jabbar Khan R/o No 16/7 Patel Cross Rahamath Nagar Bangalore North R T Nagar Bangalore 560032 have changed my name to Asma Taj.

I, MOHAMED Irshad Ahmed, S/o Abdul Subhan residing at No.21,1st Main, 5th Cross, Dinnur Main Road, Kausar Nagar, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 have changed my name to Mohammed Irshad Ahmed vide Affidavit dated 22-06-2026 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

LOST & FOUND

I, NIKIL Son S have lost my Original Pass BTL Polytechnic Diploma Marks Card. Admission No. 435ME18031. If Found Please Contact: 7760247017

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, BENGALURU
M.C. No.7543/2025
BETWEEN: Smt. Radha. L.T ...Petitioner
AND: Sri. B.H Venkatesh @ Paramesh ...Respondent
NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT
To, Sri. B.H Venkatesh @ Paramesh, aged about 56 years, S/o late Hanumegowda, No.212, 1st main, 6th Cross, BHEL layout, R.R Nagar, Bengaluru-560 098,
WHEREAS, the Petitioner above named has instituted the above petition before this Hon'ble Family Court, Bengaluru, and seeking relief against you. Hence under provisions of section 13(1) (ia) & (ib) of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate on **07/08/2026** at **11.00 A.M.** and answer the claim made in the petition, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence in accordance with law. Take notice accordingly.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on this 20/06/2026
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioner:
K.G. SADASHIVAIAH
S & S Associates
#186/1, 2nd Floor, Abhishek Complex, Behind Nataraja Theatre, Sheshadripura, Bengaluru- 560 020.

EXPLAINER

Candidates leave the exam centre after appearing for the Civil Services Preliminary Examination, at a in Hyderabad in May. The exam has come under widespread criticism for the perceived inequity in the distribution and format of questions. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2026: tough by design or default?

An exam meant to filter talent is increasingly seen as rejecting it, raising questions about fairness, design, and whether the system is identifying merit — a warning that calls for deeper reflection and timely course correction, rather than remaining a mere instance of acknowledgement

Gopala Krishna V.

The story so far:

The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, introduced in 1979 following the Kothari Committee's recommendations, was designed as a screening mechanism – a 'filter and funnel' – to shortlist candidates for the descriptive Main examination. In its original format, it consisted of two components: an optional subject paper at the graduate level and a General Studies paper, with the optional paper carrying greater weight. For many years, this system functioned smoothly with minor changes.

The Alagh Committee set up in 2000 observed that the preliminary exam should have an optional paper to assess the intellectual competence of the aspirant and maintain its connection with the university system. It also proposed a Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) which would evaluate skills such as general awareness, problem-solving, data analysis and decision-making. The committee also recommended that the questions at the preliminary exam should be made challenging and a case-study approach should be adopted.

In 2009, the S.K. Khanna Committee recommended that the Preliminary Examination should be renamed as the Civil Services Aptitude Test with two common papers at the Preliminary. The preliminary exam was reconstituted to comprise two papers – General Studies Paper- I and General Studies Paper- II. The Paper I covers all conventional areas in 'Humanities', while Paper- II has questions on quantitative aptitude, reasoning, comprehension, interpersonal skills and communication, decision-making and problem-solving. The components of Paper- II were designed to test whether the aspirant had the ability to imbibe new technologies. Both the papers had equal weightage and the combined marks in both the papers were taken to determine merit. This change practically delinked the Preliminary Examination with the university system. After a few years, due to protests, Paper-II known as CSAT was made qualifying in nature. In practice, this meant that nearly five lakh aspirants were narrowed down to about 10,000 candidates solely based on their performance in the 100 questions attempted over two hours.

Bringing down the vast pool of aspirants to a manageable number through a paper comprising just 100 questions is an inherently difficult task. As a result, examiners were forced to constantly reinvent and compile the most unpredictable questions. Over time, it became quite evident that the objective of selecting candidates was being overshadowed by the need to eliminate them. Even the qualifying paper became a tool for rejection, with overall difficulty level of questions rising.

What changed this year?

Against this evolving backdrop, the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination held in May has come under widespread criticism for the perceived inequity in the distribution and format of questions. Many aspirants found the paper unusually difficult and unpredictable – concerns that were publicly acknowledged by the UPSC Chairman, who expressed empathy with candidates.

This has sparked a broader debate on whether the nature of the paper was an unintended outcome of systemic constraints or a deliberate shift in examination design, and more importantly, what course corrections are needed to ensure fairness, balance and credibility in the screening process.

This year, UPSC committed itself to greater transparency, and agreed to release the answer key of the preliminary exam immediately after it. Openness also meant that the questions had to be set from verifiable authoritative sources. The questions were framed using carefully curated information drawn from government websites.

Attempting the question paper entailed sifting through 55 pages and comprehending 40,000 words in two hours. In addition to this, the subject-wise distribution of questions was distorted and the style of questioning underwent a noticeable shift. Consequently, the aspirants found no link between their preparation and the questions. They had to make guesses, "some informed" and "some wild". Solving previous years' questions, which was considered as the gold standard was also of no help.

This gap between the preparation and examination, coupled with the element of surprise, prompted the aspirants to voice their concerns. The democratisation of expression through social media platforms further amplified the protests, creating a snowballing effect.

The nature of the question paper, thus, appears to be less a matter of a deliberate design and more a consequence of systemic constraints – a by-product of a short-sighted examination pattern established 15 years ago. In retrospect, the committee which introduced the pattern overlooked a dictum that is crucial in policy formulation; that anticipation is the highest form of competence. It failed to adequately foresee the challenge of balancing the increasing number of aspirants with a relatively static number of vacancies.

What is the way out?

The perceived unfairness of the Preliminary Examination has been widely voiced by aspirants and has also been recently flagged by a Parliamentary Committee. However, the Chairman's acknowledgement of the paper's difficulty should not remain a mere instance of proverbial "ventilation therapy." Many crises in governance are not sudden surprises; they are warning signals that were noticed but not acted upon in time. This appears to be one such signal – one that calls for deeper reflection and timely course correction.

It is time for the government to appoint a committee to revisit the examination pattern and make suitable long-term changes after public consultation. The UPSC has been collecting information regarding the socio-economic profile of the aspirants. They have information about the distribution of applicants based on place of birth, schools and colleges attended, status of parents etc. as they are collecting this information at the preliminary stage itself. This information should be used as an input to align the scheme of examination to the background of the aspirants.

Questions may be unpredictable by design, but aspirants should not feel that they are incapable of rising up to the required level of the questions or the highest positions in the country are beyond their reach. The government must undertake reforms both in the examination system and the university framework by introducing 'bridge courses' along the lines of the recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission. Such measures would help restore visible alignment between education and assessment.

The education system and public employment emanate from the same source – the government. Any disconnect between the two risks eroding their trust in the system. Respecting the aspirations of this generation and sustaining their faith is the order of the day. It is better to prevent a crisis rather than 'firefight' one.

The writer is the Director of Brain Tree, Hyderabad, an institute training candidates for the civil services examination.

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QUESTION 5
Who is the only player to have won World Cup as a player and as a coach/manager besides having won the Best Young Player award?

QUESTION 6
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4. Which seven countries had overlapping territorial claims in Antarctica when the Treaty was signed? **Ans: Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom**
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6. Visual: Name this active volcano, located on Ross Island, which is the southernmost active volcano on Earth? **Ans: Mount Erebus.**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

What is the difference between "spectators" and "audience"? (Dr. S. P. Gupta, Agra)

Strictly speaking "spectators" usually come to "see" something. They come to see an event, a "spectacle." The people who go to see a sporting event like a football game, a boxing bout, or a cricket match are called spectators. Usually in such events the focus is on what you "see" rather than what you "hear." If you are walking along the road and you "see" two of your favourite stars shooting for a film, then you would be "spectator." But when you go to the cinema hall and watch the film which you saw while it was being made, then you become part of the audience. The word audience is related to the word "audio." You are at a specific event to listen to something. An audience is an assembly of 'hearers.' People who are part of the audience listen to or watch a performance. When you go to a music concert, a play, or a movie, you are part of an audience.

As you know, there is an exception to every rule. Readers are usually associated with the word "audience" – although reading has more to do with "seeing" rather than "hearing"! This could be because in the old days not many people knew how to read or write. The illiterates had to be read to – they had to "listen" to other people reading aloud.

What is the meaning of "tete-a-tete"? How do you pronounce the word? (B. Abdul Haleem, Alappuzha, Kerala)

While the first "e" in "tete" is pronounced like the "ay" in "bay", "say", and "gay", the second one is silent. The word rhymes with the words "date", "late", and "hate." In some American dictionaries, however, the word rhymes with "set", "bet", and "get." The following "a" is like the "a" in "bath", "calf", and "path." Some people, however pronounce the "a" like the "a" in "china" and "amount." The main stress is on the second "tete."

When you have a "tete-a-tete" with someone, you have a private conversation with him/her. It usually involves an intimate conversation between two people. The word is French in origin. The first "e" of "tete" and the "a" have accent marks on them. Here are a few examples.

Braj and Yamuna had a cosy tete-a-tete after the interview.

I understand they had a romantic tete-a-tete after dinner.

When I call someone up, should I say, "Can I speak to...?", "May I speak to...?", or "Could I speak to ....?" (C. Maneesh Goel, Faridabad)

It depends on the person you are talking to. If you are talking to someone whom you do not know and wish to sound polite, then you could say, "May I" or "Could I." Of the two, "May I" is considered to be more polite. If, on the other hand, you are talking to someone you know fairly well, then you could say, "Can I." The use of these three will depend on the person you are talking to and how you wish to sound. If you wish to sound polite, use "May I" or "Could I."

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Word of the day

Gingham:
a clothing fabric in a plaid weave

Synonyms: checkered cotton, woven plaid

Usage: *The cozy kitchen featured matching blue and white gingham curtains.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/gingham

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Bescom opposes Tata's foray into power distribution

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Bescom has raised objection pointing to legal non-compliance, network deficiency, consumer protection risks and competition concerns among others. FILE PHOTO

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) has filed a petition with the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) against the Tata Power Company Limited's (TPCL) application with the KERC seeking a licence for the parallel distribution of electricity in 19 districts.

In the petition copy, available with *The Hindu*, Bescom has raised objections pointing to legal non-compliance, network deficiency, consumer protection risks, and competition concerns, among others.

A senior official from Bescom confirmed regarding the petition and said, "We don't want the TPCL to use our already developed infrastructure and supply electricity to brownfield (developed industrial and urban) and greenfield (peripheral and newly developing) areas. According to the Electricity Act 2003, they must have their own infrastructure in place and it is not possible for them to build it in 30 days after the approval of licence. The TPCL has said so in its application while seeking a licence."

The petition states that the TPCL wants to enter profitable markets without bearing the full the obligations of a distribution licensee and wants to rely on Bescom's infrastructure instead of building its own. The power utility argues that if the licence is approved, it violates both the letter and spirit of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Bescom said the TPCL has not met the mandatory requirements for a parallel licence.

The petition read, "The TPCL must showcase that it possesses adequate power reserves and a network to fulfil its supply obligation under the Act. The TPCL's application predominantly relies and depends on the Escoms network to supply power as a distribution licencee through open access. In the event a new consumer in the brownfield areas requires connection, the TPCL cannot compel Bescom to extend its network to the new consumer's premises in order to supply power in open access. For the next three years, even in the greenfield areas, the TPCL is in no position to supply power to a new premise of a consumer within 30 days for it is practically impossible to build a distribution network from the end point of a transmission licencee's substation to the point of the new premise of the consumer."

Further, Bescom stated that the TPCL has "cherry picked" its consumers by targeting only industrial and commercial consumers in profitable corridors while leaving it with low-paying consumers who require subsidies. This violates the National Tariff Policy's principle against cherry-picking, said the power utility. Section 86(b) empowers the KERC to regulate electricity purchase and procurement.

However, the TPCL's plan to rely heavily on short-term market purchases undermines this regulatory function, preventing the Commission from protecting consumer interests. This way, TPCL can increase the prices of electricity as and when it wants to do so, it argued.

Prepare for possible water scarcity: BWSSB chairperson to officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairperson N. Manjula has directed senior board officials to proactively take precautionary measures to ensure that potential water scarcity in the coming days due to low rainfall does not trigger a drinking water crisis in the city.

Ms. Manjula reviewed the board's preparedness to address possible water shortages arising from inadequate rainfall.

She held detailed discussions with officials on the current water levels in the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir and emphasised the need for its prudent utilisation.

"All appropriate and necessary arrangements must be made from now itself to address any potential issues that may arise in the future," she said. She also discussed the feasibility of supplying water to the city from the Hemavati and Kabini reservoirs as an alternative arrangement.

Further, Ms. Manjula instructed senior officials to obtain a comprehensive report from the Indian Institute of Science on the city's groundwater levels and the current status of functioning borewells.

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Detailed e-Tender Notice.
(Short-Term e-Tender Notice Through e-Procurement Portal)

Unitwar Tender is invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal from interested Forest Contractors, under D.D.F. Scheme Monsoon – 4 and Under CAMPA Scheme – 10, for total 14 works of Formation and Maintenance of Plantations of Approx. total Rs. 1.86 crores in the limits of various forest zones of Sagar Division for the year 2026-27. For submission of Tender date of 29.06.2026 date 04.07.2026 up to 5.15 PM is fixed. Complete details of works and places are explained in the e-Procurement Portal. For further information this office can be contacted and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Hosanagara Sub Division, Hosanagara.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/107/06/416

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

SRM E-Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd, EHV PC O&M Zone Vashi invites bids through SRM e-Tender in two bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for following works;

RFx No./ Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost
7000040398 T-07/ 2026-27	Work of EHV Bays strengthening for capacity enhancement of: i) 220kV Navi Mumbai PG I & II Line bays, 2 Nos of TBC bays & Auxiliary bus at 220kV Apta substation ii) 220kV PG & Panchanand Line Bays, 1 No of TBC Bay and Auxiliary bus at 220kV Taloja Substation iii) 220kV Cable replacement work of 220kV Taloja & Kalwa Line Bays at 220kV Panchanand substation under EHV (O&M) Division Panvel	Rs. 1315.48 Lakhs excl. GST Rs. 1552.26 Lakhs incl. GST

E.M.D. in Rs. 13,15,478/-, **Tender Fees:** Rs. 29,500/- including GST, **Sale period:** 23.06.2026 to 14.07.2026, **Last Date of Submission:** 14.07.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 14.07.2026 at 15:30 Hrs (if possible).
Contact person: Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Vashi. Phone No. (022) 27666010 (P) / 27665994. For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M), Zone, MSETCL, Vashi

ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಆಯುಕ್ತರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, 4ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಮಿಂಟೋ ಶ್ರೀ ಆಂಜನೇಯ ಭವನ, ಆಲೂರು ವೆಂಕಟರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–18, ದೂರವಾಣಿ:26709689/ 26706775, Email: endowmentcommissioner@gmail.com.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: HRICE-ADM0ADM8/51/2026/E-2047124 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22.06.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ, 2011ರ ಕಲಂ 25 ಅನ್ವಯ ರಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ 01 "ಎ" ಪ್ರವರ್ಗದ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅವಧಿಯು ಸದರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ / ಭಕ್ತಾಧಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.03.2025**ರಂದು ನಡೆದ 4ನೇ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ 8ನೇ ಸಭೆಯ ವಿಷಯ ಸೂಚಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:(3)ರಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ	ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅವಧಿಯು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1	ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಂಗಾರಪೇಟೆ, ಗುಟ್ಟಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಬಂಗಾರುತಿರುಪತಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.	17.12.2025

ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ 01 ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅವಧಿಯು ಸಹ ಸದರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಮುಂದೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ, 2011ರ ಕಲಂ 25(1)ರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದೂ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಸ್ಲಿಂ ಈ ಎರಡೂ ಧರ್ಮದ ಭಕ್ತಾಧಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.03.2026ರಂದು** ನಡೆದ 4ನೇ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ 11ನೇ ಸಭೆಯ ವಿಷಯ ಸೂಚಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:(8)ರಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ	ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅವಧಿಯು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ
2	ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಐ.ಡಿ ಪೀಠ, ಶ್ರೀ ಗುರು ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ ಬಾಬಾಬುಡನ್ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದರ್ಗಾ.	17.12.2025

ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ 13 ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳು ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಕಾರಣ ಎರಡನೇ ಬಾರಿ ಮರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಮುಖ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರ ಪಡಿಸುವಂತೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.03.2026** ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಸಭೆಯ ವಿಷಯ ಸೂಚಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:(8)ರಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ದೇವಾಲಯದ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ
3	ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ನಗರ್ತರಪೇಟೆ, ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟರಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
4	ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮಧುಗಿರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ದೊಡ್ಡದಾಳವಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ರಂಗನಾಥ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
5	ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಎತ್ತಿನಬೂದಿಹಾಳ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಕಟ್ಟೆ ಬಸವೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ,
6	ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಮಾಲೇಕಲ್, ತಿರುಪತಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಸನ್ನ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
7	ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮಧುಗಿರಿ ಟೌನ್, ಶ್ರೀ ದಂಡಿನ ಮಾರಮ್ಮ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
8	ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ತಿಪಟೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ರಜತಾದ್ರಿಪುರ, ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನರಸಿಂಹ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ
9	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಪಾಂಡೇಶ್ವರ, ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಾ ಲಿಂಗೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
10	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಡಿಂಕಾ, ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿಂಕದಮ್ಮ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
11	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್ ಪೇಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಸಾಸಲು ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಶ್ರೀ ಸೋಮೇಶ್ವರ ಮತ್ತು ಶಂಭುಲಿಂಗೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
12	ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮಳವಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಲ್ಲುವೀರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಶ್ರೀ ಮತ್ತಿ ತಾಳೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ,
13	ಶ್ರೀ ಗವಿರಂಗನಾಥಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ, ಬಿಲ್ಲೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್ ಪೇಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.
14	ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಶ್ರೀಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನಾರಾಯಣ ದೇವಾಲಯ.
15	ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಟೆ ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ದೇವಾಲಯ,

ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಸಭೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಿಂದ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವಂತೆ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಒಟ್ಟು 15 "ಎ" ಪ್ರವರ್ಗದ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2011ರ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 25 ರನ್ವಯ 25 ರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿತ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ 09 ಮಂದಿ ಮಹನೀಯರು / ಮಹಿಳೆಯರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಚಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಸದಸ್ಯತ್ವ ಬಯಸುವ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಭಕ್ತಾದಿಗಳು /ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ, ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸದರಿ ದೇವಾಲಯಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪನಾ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ 25 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಭಕ್ತಾದಿಗಳು ಸದಸ್ಯತ್ವ ಕೋರಿ, ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿತ ನಮೂನೆ–1(ಬಿ)(22ನೇ ನಿಯಮ) ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:13.07.2026**ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ **"ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಿಂಟೋ ಶ್ರೀ ಆಂಜನೇಯ ಭವನ, ಆಲೂರು ವೆಂಕಟರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜಪೇಟೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560018"** ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಅಂತಹ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ನಿಗಧಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. (ನಿಗಧಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು **www.itms.kar.gov.in**ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
ಹಿಂದೂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಧರ್ಮಾದಾಯ ದತ್ತಿಗಳ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/1309/ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್/2026–27

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(Two cover system)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

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1.	Assignment of Commercial Advertisement Rights in Zones-1 of Bengaluru South City Corporation.
2.	Assignment of Commercial Advertisement Rights in Zones-2 of Bengaluru South City Corporation.

Calendar of Events : (1) Date from which Bid document is ready for download through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) : **25.06.2026 Onwards (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting and venue : **07.07.2026 at 15.00 Hrs,** Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Advertisements), BSCC, 3rd Floor, Jayanagara 4th Block Shopping Complex, Bengaluru -560041 **(3)** Last date for seeking clarification if any : **07.07.2026 at 16.00 Hrs (4)** Last date and time for uploading of tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal platform : **04.08.2026 up to 17.00 Hrs (5)** Date and time of opening of tenders: Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation : **05.08.2026 at 16.00 Hrs. (6)** Date and time of opening of tenders: Commercial Bid of technically qualified bidders (If Possible) : **Immediately after technical evaluation. (7)** Contact Person for queries : **Deputy Commissioner (Advertisements). Mobile: 9686577404, E Mail: Dcmarketadvert@gmail.com (8)** Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for communication : **Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Advertisements), 3rd Floor, Jayanagara 4th block, Shopping complex, Bengaluru -560041 (9)** EMD Amount : **Bengaluru Rs.20 Lakhs (out of which Rs. 16 Lakh as Bank Guarantee and rest Rs. 4 Lakhs paid in KPP Portal) for each Zone wise bid.**

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, BSCC

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT TRIBAL WELFARE OFFICER, HAVERI DIST. HAVERI

TENDER NOTIFICATION(e- procurment)
TENDER DOCUMENT

SECTION-1

For the supply of outsourced staff through tender for the Morarji Desai/Kittur Rani Chennamma Residential Schools coming under the District Scheduled Castes Welfare Department, Haveri

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NCERT class 6 Kannada textbook under fire over name, content

The textbook's title, *Krishna*, the inclusion of only *sattvic* foods, and omission of non-vegetarian food draws objections

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Amid the controversy over implementation of the three-language policy for Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) students, the title and content of the class 6 R3 Kannada textbook implemented by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have turned contentious.

Educationists and writers have objected to the textbook's title, *Krishna*, the inclusion of only *sattvic* foods as part of a balanced diet, and the omission of non-vegetarian food.

As part of the imposition of Indian Knowledge Heritage of NEP-2020, the trend of infusing mythological virtues in education in NCERT books is condemnable, an educationist says. FILE PHOTO

Three-language policy

As part of the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP-2020) and National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE)-2023, the CBSE has taken steps to implement the three-language policy (R1, R2, R3) for classes 6 to 10 from the 2026-27 academic year.

"It is shocking to see the R3 Kannada textbook for class 6 released by NCERT. It is dangerous to use books that are supposed to be designed for children's learning as a weapon for political and cultural oppression. As part of the imposition of Indian Knowledge Heritage of NEP-2020, the trend of infusing mythological virtues in education in NCERT books is condemnable. Naming the textbook for class 6 as *Krishna* is an attempt to saffronise the textbooks," alleged Niranjanaradhya V.P., a development educationist.

In addition, vegetarian and non-vegetarian diets were mentioned as balanced diets in earlier textbooks. However, allegations have been made that only a vegetarian diet is emphasised in R3 textbooks for class 6.

Balanced diet

A new definition of a balanced diet has been given: "Our body needs balanced foods such as milk, greens, vegetables, fruits, and nuts to get energy. These should be part of our daily diet." In the picture related to this, there are only ragi mudde, roti, rice, vegetables, milk and fruits are on the plate.

"While talking about food in the Health is Wealth lesson, *sattvic* food is being discussed. There are crores of people in Karnataka who eat pork, fish, eggs, chicken and mutton. This is a technique to deliberately ignore non-vegetarian food. This is not education, it is cultural terrorism," Mr. Niranjanaradhya has alleged.

Umesh G. Gangavadi, State president of School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC), alleged that there are no lessons that reflect the cultural and social diversity of Karnataka. "The folklore, literature, and life of the coastal, northern Karnataka, Malnad, and old Mysore areas are missing. There are no activities, texts, pictures, and stories that are appropriate for the curiosity of a class 6 child, age-appropriate activities," he said, adding that the identity of Karnataka lies in the ideology of writers such as Pampa, Kuvempu, Karant, and Basavanna, and not in the name of Krishna.

Writer S.G. Siddaramaiah, urging the withdrawal of the lesson, said, "We are against the implementation of the three language policy for CBSE students. Meanwhile, it is condemnable to keep the name of god as the title of the textbook and to impose vegetarianism on children through the textbooks as part of the political agenda of the Union government."

NEET candidate delay: Traffic police rule out event-related congestion

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have issued a 'fact-check report' regarding a NEET candidate allegedly missing entry to an examination centre due to traffic congestion on Sunday.

Candidates queue up at an examination centre before appearing for the NEET-UG 2026 re-exam, in Bengaluru on Sunday; one candidate missed the deadline for entry reportedly by three minutes.

Fact-check report

According to the report, based on CCTV camera footage, interactions with the candidate and her parents, and route analysis, the candidate left her residence at R.T. Nagar at 12.57 p.m. The prescribed cut-off time for entry to the examination centre was 1.30 p.m.

The candidate reached the examination centre area at 1.33 p.m., three minutes after the deadline.

The police said CCTV camera footage and route analysis confirmed that the candidate departed from home 33 minutes before the cut-off time.

Investigators also found that she had chosen a longer route, despite the availability of a shorter route that could have enabled quicker travel.

The report stated that traffic conditions on the day were generally normal. There was no significant congestion attributable to a public event being held in Bengaluru. Traffic personnel deployed along the route were seen facilitating the candidate's movement wherever required, the report added.

The late arrival was attributed to the candidate's late departure from home, and the selection of a longer travel route

Concluding its inquiry, the traffic police said the available evidence does not indicate that the delay was the result of traffic congestion caused by the public event.

Instead, the late arrival was primarily attributed to the candidate's late departure from home, and the selection of a longer travel route.

The fact-check was initiated following allegations on social media and in sections of the media that traffic restrictions and congestion linked to a large public gathering in Bengaluru had delayed a National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) candidate, causing her to miss the examination. The incident had triggered widespread discussion, with many questioning the traffic management arrangements in place for the event.

Surya seeks transparency dashboard, faster metro works from Krishna Byre Gowda

Tejasvi Surya. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya has urged the newly-appointed Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda to undertake a series of governance, infrastructure, and mobility reforms to address what he described as years of "administrative shortcomings" in the city.

Mr. Surya met Mr. Gowda on Monday, and held a press conference on Tuesday to detail the suggestions he had placed before the new Minister. He submitted a letter to Mr. Gowda, detailing the pending works and much-needed reforms in the Bengaluru administration. He said Bengaluru had suffered from the absence of elected local bodies, delays in infrastructure projects, and what he termed "unplanned and ad hoc urban development." The MP proposed a 15-point agenda covering transparency, roads, public transport, urban planning, environment, waste management, housing, and governance. A key recommendation was the creation of a public-facing Unified Infrastructure Accountability Platform within 60 days.

He claimed that more than 30 major projects being executed by agencies such as the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), B-SMILE, and Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) remain incomplete, including the Ejipura Flyover, Varthur Kodi Flyover, Kanteerava Underpass, and several metro corridors.

He sought a White Paper on road repairs and pothole management, noting that nearly ₹7,000 crore had been allocated for road maintenance over the years while road conditions continued to draw public criticism. He further called for a "Mission Walkable Bengaluru" to restore and standardise footpaths across the city.

The MP urged the government to rationalise Namma Metro fares, which he said are among the highest in the country, and to prioritise non-fare revenue sources such as advertisements and rentals. He stressed the need to operationalise the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) and ensure that all major mobility projects are routed through it for integrated planning.

He called for better utilisation of the Union government's Urban Challenge Fund, citywide piped natural gas connectivity, reforms to prevent urban flooding, rejuvenation of lakes, and a long-term water security strategy to reduce dependence on private water tankers. He also highlighted Bengaluru's garbage management challenges and sought a review of the ₹39,000-crore waste management contract awarded by Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited.

From Page One

Technical snag hits Purple Line services

Outside stations such as Indiranagar, M.G. Road and Cubbon Park, long queues of passengers were seen waiting for updates. Police personnel made repeated public announcements informing commuters about the service disruption and directing them towards alternative transport options. Many were forced to rely on BMTC buses, autorickshaws and cab services. However, the sudden surge in demand made it difficult for commuters to alternative modes of transport. "It was complete chaos. We were asked to leave the premises and look for alternative transport, but finding a cab or an auto was nearly impossible. What would normally be a 20-minute metro journey ended up taking me over two hours. Luckily, there was no rain; or else it would have been a mess," said Rakesh Kumar, a software professional who was travelling from M.G. Road to Indiranagar.

'Three infra failures behind Varthur Kodi Road flooding'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The severe flooding on Varthur Kodi Road in east Bengaluru on Saturday is the result of three different infrastructural issues, the Bengaluru East City Corporation has identified.

Officials are now rushing to fix the loopholes as the monsoon sets in. In addition, all corporations have directed officials to strictly attend to civic issues raised on the ASTraM application, which facilitates the coordination between different departments.

The area received about 55 mm of incessant rainfall on Saturday, leading to water stagnation. FILE PHOTO

An official from the East City Corporation told *The Hindu* that the saucer drain near Manipal Hospital on Varthur Road is at a much higher elevation than the stormwater drain (SWD), which hindered the smooth flow of rainwater. The incessant rainfall led to water stagnating on the road.

"We have now planned to increase the elevation of the SWD. The work has started, but it will take some time to complete," the officer said.

He added that the area received about 55 mm of incessant rainfall on Saturday, leading to water stagnation. The large volume of water helped officials identify the flaw.

In addition, a pipeline on the same stretch, but at a different location, was not connected to the SWD, and this connection will soon be established, he said. Further, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had also undertaken works along the stretch, which contributed to the hindrance, the official added. "We have ensured that the flooding will not recur, and in the meantime, we will implement a long-term solution," he said. Officials have also been instructed to redesign drain structures wherever necessary to address slope and water inflow issues.

As a proactive measure, corporation officials have instructed engineers and staff to respond immediately to infrastructure issues raised on the ASTraM application and engage with stakeholders to address them as and when they arise.

The ASTraM application has a feature that allows the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) to raise civic issues and tag the relevant stakeholders. The system works by generating tickets and closing them once the issue has been resolved. Even on Saturday, the flooding issue was raised by the BTP, but the response was not immediate, say sources. The issue also required multiple stakeholders to be present on the ground to address it, which was delayed. Meanwhile, the World Bank-funded stormwater drain strengthening works are continuing. Officials have identified encroachments at several locations, which are now being cleared.

Govt. plans 'Namma Guide' app to connect tourists with licensed tour guides

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, is planning to launch an app, 'Namma Guide', and has invited tech-savvy organisations, including start-ups within the State, to participate in its development.

K.J. George, Minister for Energy and Tourism, said in a release, "The role of our local guides is paramount in elevating the State's tourism to international standards.

The app will include details of licensed tour guides who are crucial in providing accurate information about the history, culture, and significance of respective areas in the State to tourists. FILE PHOTO

Modelled after foreign systems, the 'Namma Guide' website and app will be developed to enable tourists in our State to access guide services easily and transparently. In addition to providing tourists with excellent information and a superior experience, this will provide greater strength to the cleanliness and maintenance of our historical and natural sites. Talented start-ups in the State will be given the opportunity to build this innovative platform."

Trilok Chandra K.V., Secretary, Department of Tourism, said, "At present, in foreign countries, there are systems where tourists can easily book their preferred guides online. The primary objective is to launch a similar state-of-the-art online platform in Karnataka."

Mr. Trilok added, "Local guides are crucial in providing accurate information about the history, culture, and significance of the respective areas to domestic and international tourists visiting any tourist destination in the State. This new online platform will make it convenient for tourists to easily connect with local guides and explore tourist spots. Additionally, this initiative will generate more employment opportunities for the guides already registered with the Department of Tourism."

He also stated that there are around 500 licensed tour guides, including those licensed by the Department of Tourism, Government of India and Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka.

"We have listed 240 approved guides with their names, addresses, and contact numbers on the official website of the Department of Tourism. Tourists can refer to this list and book guides on their own. Soon, we will update this list with more names of guides along with videos of their portfolios and other details. Launching the app will streamline the process, generate more employment for guides and ensure regulated payments," he added.

When asked about unlicenced tour guides, Mr. Trilok said, "We have repeatedly warned these 'guides' as it snatches away the business of licensed tour guides. Tourists must also be wary about who they hire when planning a trip."

Guides welcome move

Licensed tour guides welcomed the move. Dinesh Kumar, one such tour guide from Mysuru, said, The launch of such an app will not only save tourists from harassment but also help tour guides earn well. The app should display the expertise of tour guides, the languages we offer, and the types of experiences available for tourists."

Mr. Dinesh suggested that the app should include features for booking accommodation and providing meals for guides, as travel companies do not offer them allowances.

Rudramuni S.V., another tour guide at Hampi, while welcoming the move, pointed out that there are many unlicensed tour guides in Hampi and Anegundi who take away their customers.

Mr. Rudramuni said, "Getting an assignment is a big challenge for guides. Sometimes, I wait near the monuments for tourists and other times, homestays get in touch with me to guide tourists. Though we are paid an honorarium of ₹5,000 per month by the State government, it is not sufficient for us to fulfil the basic needs of our family."

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- Selected candidates appointed through various commissions: **9,191**
- Teachers selected in aided non-government secondary schools: **34,074**
- Candidates selected by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC): **47,377**
- **6,808** Assistant Teachers; **2,069** Lecturers; **326** Principals

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- 10% vertical reservation implemented in state services for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
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- Provisions for appointing dependents of deceased employee in other departments where appointment is not possible in the concerned department.
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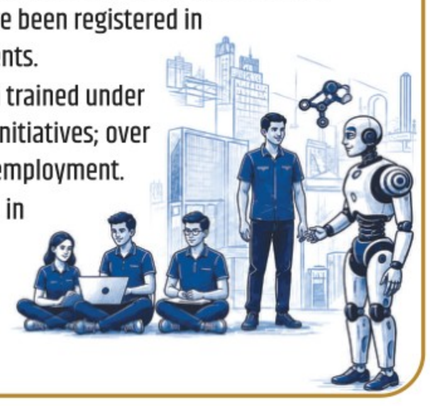


SPORTS DEVELOPMENT & TALENT PATHWAYS

Sports Development

- Connect of "One District – One Sport" Scheme.
- Payment of ₹25,000 per month honorarium to coaches in 75 districts.
- Provision of kits and sports equipment for 30 players.
- In FY 2025-26, kits were distributed to 789 players (434 boys and 355 girls) across 21 sports.

Athlete Recognition

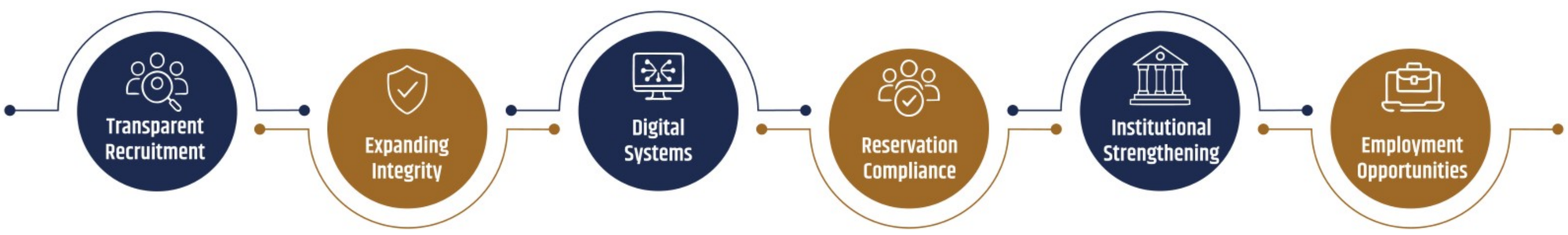
Olympic Games	➢ Gold Medal – ₹6 crore ➢ Silver Medal – ₹4 crore ➢ Bronze Medal – ₹2 crore
Asian Games Incentive	➢ Gold Medal – ₹3 crore ➢ Silver Medal – ₹1.5 crore ➢ Bronze Medal – ₹75 lakh
Commonwealth Games & World Cup-Related Competitions	➢ Gold Medal – ₹1.5 crore ➢ Silver Medal – ₹75 lakh ➢ Bronze Medal – ₹50 lakh

State athletes participating in the Olympics receive ₹10 lakh, while Commonwealth and Asian Games participants receive ₹5 lakh as encouragement support.

Sports Infrastructure Expansion

- Construction of international cricket stadium in Gorakhpur and at Varanasi is in progress.
- Extensive development of stadiums, multipurpose sports halls, swimming pools and gym facilities across the state.
- Development of sports grounds in every village is underway.

UTTAR PRADESH SPORTS ECOSYSTEM



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BJP leadership wants action against those who cross-voted in polls

A committee headed by C.T. Ravi, MLC, has been tasked with finding out those responsible, and the deadline for the panel to submit its report to the high command is June 25

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

A high-level meeting convened by BJP national president Nitin Nabin with party leaders from Karnataka over the cross-voting that took place in the recent Legislative Council polls saw strong concerns expressed over a lack of discipline within the party's State unit, as demonstrated by the cross-voting.

Disciplinary action would be taken against those found to have cross-voted against the NDA's candidate in the polls after a committee headed by C.T. Ravi, MLC, with State vice-president N. Mahesh and Mahesh Tenginakayi, MLA, as members, submitted its report on the matter. The deadline for the committee to submit its report is June 25.

BJP Karnataka president B.Y. Vijayendra, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, and BJP general secretary in charge of Karnataka Radha Mohan Das Agarwal were present at the meeting.

According to sources present at the meeting, Mr. Nabin took an extremely dim view of the cross-voting even as party leaders explained that they had cautioned NDA ally Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy against fielding a seventh candidate in the polls. "Mr. Nabin said that even if the extra candidate strategy of the JD(S) was faulty, how does that explain the cross-voting in the BJP's ranks?" said a source.

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok talking to presspersons in New Delhi on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> We also discussed party organisational matters in detail. We also held discussions with our leaders regarding strengthening the party and bringing it to power in the coming days
>
> **R. ASHOK,** Leader of Opposition in the Assembly

With seven seats up for grabs, the BJP had fielded two candidates and the Congress five. The JD(S) too had fielded a candidate for the seventh seat.

While the Congress's fifth candidate won owing to the cross-voting, the JD (S) candidate lost.

It is said that several JD (S) and BJP MLAs cross-voted in the polls. The identification of those who cross-voted is now a matter for Mr. Ravi and his committee to identify.

The BJP's high command feels that Mr. Kumaraswamy, by fielding an extra candidate, not just did a loyalty test within his own party but also exposed the schism in the BJP.

Some in the Karnataka BJP feel that Mr. Kumaraswamy made that move at the behest of an anti-Vijayendra faction in the State unit, to expose the flaws in the latter's leadership of the State unit. Whatever the case is, the Karnataka BJP has come off looking like a scattered, disunited unit.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Ashok said that Mr. Nabin had asked that the matter be left to him to deal with, and that action would be taken against those who cross-voted.

"We met our national president and held discussions on cross-voting in the Legislative Council election. He asked us to leave the matter to him and said that action had already been taken against those who betrayed the party. We also discussed party organisational matters in detail. We also held discussions with our leaders regarding strengthening the party and bringing it to power in the coming days," said Mr. Ashok.

Quiet flows the river: The Cauvery making its way through Dabbaguli, an offbeat riverside destination on the Karnataka–Tamil Nadu border. K. MURALI KUMAR

Cauvery water authority asks basin States to use reservoir water judiciously

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid depleted water level in reservoirs in the Cauvery basin and the poor rainfall situation in Karnataka, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) on Tuesday directed all basin States to make judicious use of water available in reservoirs, particularly for drinking water needs. It decided to review the water situation at its next meeting in view of expectations of improved rainfall in the coming weeks.

The direction came at the 52nd meeting of the authority, held amid renewed political debate over the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project. It may be noted that on June 19, the Tamil Nadu Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution moved by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay opposing the Karnataka government's proposal to construct a balancing reservoir across the Cauvery at Mekedatu.

Representatives of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and Puducherry participated in Tuesday's meeting and reviewed reservoir storage, inflows, outflows and rainfall across the basin.

Taking note of lower reservoir levels and reduced inflows in parts of the basin, the authority refrained from issuing any fresh directions on water releases and opted to re-assess the situation after monitoring the progress of the south-west monsoon.

During the meeting, Tamil Nadu pressed for the release of 9 tmcft of Cauvery water from Karnataka and sought directions to Karnataka to furnish details of minor irrigation tank-filling schemes and lift irrigation projects drawing water directly from rivers and canals.

Tamil Nadu also reiterated its demand that water drawn from the Cauvery basin for Bengaluru's drinking water requirements outside the basin be treated as Karnataka's utilisation and duly accounted for while calculating the basin yield. The State further sought the evolution of a distress-sharing formula to govern water releases during years of poor rainfall.

Karnataka, in its submissions, said delayed monsoon and poor inflows had resulted in lower storage levels in reservoirs and consequently reduced releases. The State also pointed to similar conditions in northern Karnataka and neighbouring Maharashtra, attributing the situation largely to the effects of *El Niño*.

The CWMA reviewed the status of reservoirs as well as rainfall, inflow and outflow data presented by the basin States before concluding that the available water resources should be managed carefully until inflows improve.

With expectations of good rainfall in the coming days, the authority decided to review the situation again at its next meeting before taking any further call on water releases.

The CWMA meeting also assumes significance as both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have begun staking claims over water availability early in the monsoon season, with the latter seeking adherence to the monthly release schedule and Karnataka citing the poor inflows and lower reservoir storage.

Tamil Nadu's demand

Tamil Nadu pressed for the release of 9 tmcft of Cauvery water from Karnataka and sought directions to Karnataka to furnish details of minor irrigation tank-filling schemes and lift irrigation projects drawing water directly from rivers and canals

Karnataka's submission

Karnataka has said delayed monsoon and poor inflows had resulted in lower storage levels in reservoirs and consequently reduced releases and also points to similar conditions in northern Karnataka and neighbouring Maharashtra

High Court notice to State on SC quota

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday ordered issue of notice to the State government on another petition by the Confederation of Untouchable Nomadic Communities of Karnataka (CUNCK) and others challenging the government's May 8, 2026 notification, which had revised the August 2025 notifications on sub-classification of Scheduled Castes (SC) communities into three groups and distribution of percentage of reservation.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj ordered that the petition be tagged with other petitions, including the one by CUNCK, filed in September-October, 2025, challenging the first notification on August 25, 2025, introducing sub-classification of SC communities and distribution of percentage of reservation.

The government issued the May 8, 2026, notification as a Division Bench in a December 2025 interim order restrained the government from increasing the reservation for SCs to 17% from 15%, based on the 50% ceiling on total reservation based on the existing law, while staying the operation of Karnataka SCs and Scheduled Tribes (STs) (Reservation of Seats in Education Institutions and Appointments of Posts and Services under the State) Act, 2022, which increased reservation for SCs/STs.

The August 2025 notification distributed 17% reservation for SC communities by allocating 6% reservation each for different castes in Category A (16 castes) and B (19), and 5% for castes in Category C (63 castes).

However, in the May 2026 notification, the government brought back the total reservation for SC communities to 15% and revised it by allocating 5.25% to Category A and B, and 4.5% for Category C. Again, the government issued more notifications fixing roster of reservation for various castes.

Bidadi project: MLA accuses HDK of selective opposition, using farmers for politics

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Magadi MLA and Congress leader H.C. Balakrishna on Tuesday slammed Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, accusing them of selectively opposing the proposed Bidadi Township Project while remaining silent on similar land acquisition exercises across the State.

Speaking to presspersons in Bengaluru, Mr. Balakrishna questioned why Mr. Kumaraswamy was protesting only in Bidadi despite land acquisition being carried out for various projects in places such as Sarjapur, Chickballapur, Hosakote, and Doddaballapur.

He also pointed to the acquisition of 1,800 acres in Hassan (Mr. Kumaraswamy's hometown) for a proposed IIT campus even before receiving final approval from the Union government.

Expressing reservations over Mr. Kumaraswamy's demand to hold a discussion regarding the project in Bidadi or Bairamangala, he said that it could lead to fights between the JD(S) and the Congress workers, as such a meeting could attract large crowds from both sides, creating law and order concerns.

The MLA further alleged that the farmers' agitation had now acquired a political dimension and accused the JD(S) leadership of mobilising supporters from Mandya, Mysuru, and other regions to strengthen the protest.

He claimed that the movement was being used to target Mr. Shivakumar politically rather than address farmers' concerns.

However, the protesting farmers in Bidadi have accused Mr. Balakrishna of not having visited any of the villages that are coming under the project in the last one year despite being the local MLA.

Bidadi Township Project likely to emerge as major political test for ruling Congress

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

A sustained farmers' agitation against the proposed Bidadi Township Project, which has gathered momentum in the last few days, could pose a significant political challenge to the Congress, particularly in the Old Mysore region where the party and the BJP-JD(S) alliance are locked in an intense political contest.

Apart from farmers, the BJP and the JD(S) have opposed the acquisition of agricultural land for the project, which requires about 9,600 acres spread across nine revenue villages and 16 non-revenue villages in and around Bidadi, located about 40 km from Bengaluru.

Farmers during a protest against the Bidadi Township Project at Bidadi. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Political slugfest

Amid a political slugfest over a proposed debate on the project between Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, the township proposal is emerging as an issue with the potential to reshape political equations in the region.

While the Congress is keen to consolidate its electoral gains in the Old Mysore region during the 2023 Assembly elections, the JD(S), which has traditionally enjoyed a strong rural base there, sees the issue as an opportunity to regain its lost ground by mobilising farmers.

The BJP, meanwhile, appears to be using the controversy to expand its footprint in the region.

The Congress government has projected itself as both welfare-orientated and development-focused. It views the township project as a major urban infrastructure initiative that could help decongest Bengaluru, attract investments, and generate employment.

Mr. Shivakumar, who has strongly backed the project, ruled out any denotification of acquired land, stating that reversing the process could expose him to legal consequences. If implemented successfully, the township could bolster his image as a leader capable of delivering large-scale urban transformation projects. However, prolonged protests and political opposition could provide ammunition to rivals within and outside the Congress, particularly if the issue translates into electoral setbacks.

The politicians and the farmers are aware that the Singur and the Nandigram land acquisition controversies in West Bengal had dramatically altered that State's political landscape in 2007-08.

The BJP and the JD(S) are likely to use the Bidadi project to amplify farmers' concerns and portray it as a symbol of alleged government insensitivity towards rural interests.

Bidadi and its surrounding areas have witnessed a sharp rise in land values owing to their proximity to Bengaluru and the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. Farmers and Opposition parties argue that the project could result in the loss of fertile agricultural land, displacement of local communities and erosion of livelihoods. They have also sought to portray the initiative as pro-corporate and favourable to real-estate interests, challenging the Congress government's claim that the project is intended primarily to ease pressure on Bengaluru and promote planned urban growth.

The political ramifications of the controversy could extend beyond Bengaluru South district. With elections to Bengaluru's civic bodies expected, the township issue may also influence political narratives in urban constituencies, making it a test case for the Congress government's ability to balance development ambitions with farmers' concerns.

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Any person/s, any other legal heirs/ representatives, having any claim, right, title and interest or possession mortgage, hypothecation, lien etc., have got any objection or opposing the above referred transaction whatsoever may lodge his/their objections or claims with supporting documentary evidence / proof to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN (15) Days** from the date of this notice/ publication, failing which it may be presumed that there are no objections or claims to complete the **SALE TRANSACTION** in favour of my client. Any objections/ claims received after the lapse of FIFTEEN (15) Days will not be binding on my clients.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation Site No.60 (Old CITB Site No.60), New No 30 and as per the E Aasthi Khath Property bearing No: 60 E Katha PID No.5930123945 situated at 15th Cross,, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru, Ward No.5 (New No: 65) of Kadumalleshwara and measuring East to West 90 feet or 27.4 Meters, North to South 45 feet or 13.7 Meters in all measuring 4050 square feet or 376.3 square meters presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike including all rights and privileges thereto and bounded as follows: -East by: 80-0 feet Road, West by: Site No 103 North by: Site No.59, South by: Site No.61
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L. LAKSHMINARAYANA, Advocate No. 1462/33, Pipe Line, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040.
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All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation No.29 (Old CITB Site No.59), E Katha No.7306752937, situated at 2 Main Road, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru, Ward No.5 (New No: 65) of kadumalleshwara and the building of 400 Square Feet constructed thereon with Ground and Upper floors, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West 90 feet or 27.4 Meters, North to South 40 feet or 12.2 Meters in all measuring 3600 square feet or 334.5 square meters presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike constructed with cement and bricks, the Doors and Windows are made out with Jungle wood, Vitrified tiles flooring with having all civic amenities like water, electricity, sanitary facilities including all rights and privileges thereto and bounded as follows: -East by: 80-0 feet Road, West by: Site No 104 North by:Cross Road, South by: Site No.60
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INBRIEF

Three killed as lorry ploughs into bus shelter in Kerala

A school student and two others were killed after a tipper lorry transporting sand collided with a motorcycle and crashed into a bus shelter in Kollam district of Kerala on Tuesday. Five were injured in the accident at Nileshwaram Junction in Kottarakara. As the lorry overturned, several waiting commuters got trapped in the debris. Preliminary police reports indicate that the truck was speeding and the driver lost control over the vehicle as it tried to overtake the motorcycle.

Naidu to inaugurate TB project gates tomorrow

The Tungabhadra Project, a lifeline for irrigation and drinking water supply in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana, has been rejuvenated with the installation of 33 new spillway gates at a cost of ₹51 crore. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the newly installed gates on June 25 along with Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.

A.P. Cabinet clears investment proposals worth ₹34,000 cr.

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Tuesday approved a slew of key decisions aimed at accelerating investments and advancing the development of Amaravati as the State capital. The Cabinet gave its nod to investment proposals worth ₹34,000 crore that was earlier cleared by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB).

CAG stresses urgent need for spending reforms in Kerala

It says revenue receipts grew only 0.3% in 2024-25; it faults the practice of withdrawing funds from Treasury Savings Bank accounts; it calls for prudent management of salary and pension payments

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India report on Kerala's finances was presented in the Assembly on Tuesday. FILE PHOTO

Kerala's economy (gross State domestic product (GSDP) in nominal terms) registered a growth of 9.97% in 2024-25, but this growth in the economy did not result in concomitant growth in tax collection, a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on State Finances for the 2024-25 fiscal tabled in the Kerala Assembly on Tuesday said.

It noted that revenue receipts recorded a "negligible growth" of 0.30% in 2024-25 over 2023-24. "Revenue receipts as a percentage of the GSDP has registered a decadal low in 2024-25 during the period 2015-16 to 2024-25. The growth in the State's revenue receipts has been very discouraging after 2021-22. From 19.49% in 2021-22, it decelerated to 13.79% in 2022-23 and thereafter declined by (-) 6.21% in 2023-24," the report said.

Noting that the State's committed expenditure (salaries, pensions, interest payments) of ₹98,563.59 crore accounted for approximately 79% of the revenue receipts in 2024-25, the CAG pointed to an "urgent need for expenditure reform" through measures such as improved targeting and prudent management of salary and pension commitments to enhance fiscal flexibility.

Another report of the CAG, on State Revenues for the period ended March 31, 2024, also laid in the House on Tuesday, found fault with the Kerala government's practice of withdrawing funds parked in Treasury Savings Bank (TSB) accounts - public contributions made to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund (CMDRF) included - to the Consolidated Fund of the State. In the case of the CMDRF, ₹262.06 crore parked in Special TSB accounts were temporarily removed to the Consolidated Fund.

2-day BRICS space agencies' meet kicks off

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The two-day BRICS Heads of Space Agencies (HOSA) 2026 meet began here on Tuesday.

India, as Chair of BRICS for 2026, is hosting HOSA and heads and senior representatives of the space agencies of the 11 BRICS member countries – Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates – are attending the meeting.

The theme is 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'. ISRO said that the theme reflects India's people-centric, humanity-first approach articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BRICS Summit 2025 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

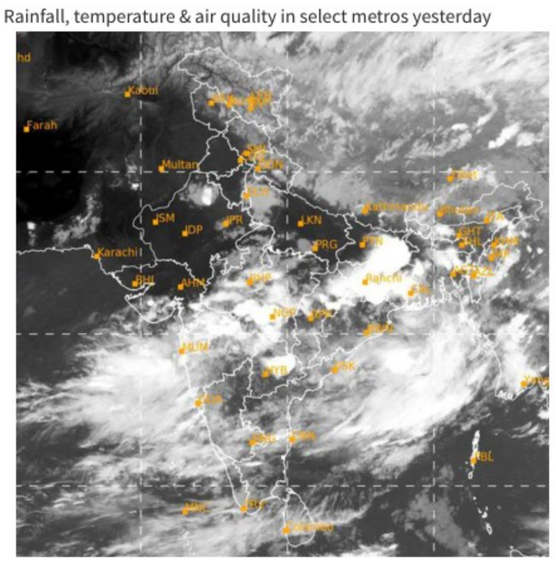
ISRO added that the meeting will serve as an important platform for dialogue and cooperation among BRICS nations on key issues shaping the future of the global space sector.

"Space sustainability will be a major focus area, with member agencies expected to exchange views on sustainable space operations and domestic governance frameworks to support debris-free space missions. Discussions will focus on policy approaches, regulatory frameworks, and best practices to ensure the long-term sustainability of space activities," ISRO stated. During the meeting, member agencies will deliberate on proposed amendments to the BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation Agreement to include new members and discuss the Terms of Reference for the proposed BRICS Space Council.

Minister of State in the Department of Space Jitendra Singh will take part in the valedictory function of this event.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Sikkim, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa and Karnataka. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. Warm night conditions likely at isolated places over Jharkhand

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.9	26.2	Kurnool	—	35.3	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	40.4	29.2	Lucknow	—	40.9	28.7
Aizawl	—	33.0	23.7	Madurai	—	37.0	25.6
Bengaluru	—	28.8	21.5	Mangaluru	37	27.9	22.5
Bhopal	20	32.2	24.6	Mumbai	12	29.4	25.1
Bhubaneswar	0.2	32.6	25.6	Mysuru	—	31.2	20.8
Chandigarh	—	39.0	22.2	New Delhi	—	40.1	26.8
Chennai	—	38.4	27.8	Patna	1	39.6	27.3
Coimbatore	—	32.3	22.4	Port Blair	—	30.9	26.6
Dehradun	—	36.5	22.8	Prayagraj	—	42.8	30.0
Gangtok	12.4	22.5	17.9	Puducherry	—	38.3	27.6
Goa	40	30.5	24.2	Pune	—	32.0	24.6
Guwahati	1	31.8	25.6	Raipur	8	37.2	25.5
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Ranchi	1	34.7	22.0
Hyderabad	11	32.6	22.2	Shillong	1	27.2	17.5
Imphal	—	30.6	22.4	Shimla	—	29.1	18.6
Jaipur	1	38.9	26.9	Srinagar	2	29.5	14.4
Kochi	11	30.0	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	1	30.6	25.3
Kohima	—	24.0	19.0	Tiruchirappalli	—	37.7	26.4
Kolkata	3	35.4	27.0	Vijayawada	5	35.0	26.2
Kozhikode	8	33.6	24.7	Visakhapatnam	—	32.6	28.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.48	7	.—	... 108	68	
Bengaluru	...4	4	..5	 56	71	
Chennai	...2	5	10	 76	48	
Delhi	...6	..42	25	... 102	...184	
Hyderabad	...2	4	..1	 55	40	
Kolkata	.10	9	..4	... 150	72	
Lucknow	...4	..15	10	... 144	72	
Mumbai	.12	3	..3	 27	12	
Pune	..—	..—	.—	..... —	....—	—
Visakhapatnam	...6	..21	..5	... 151	...101	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sonipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 269 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Interior work for Auditorium at Government Firts Grade College, Chintamani in Chikkaballapura District for the year 2026-27. **Tender Ref No.**KHB/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT 763 & IFT No.30/2026-27 Date: 22.06.2026. **Amount Put to Tender**: Rs. 3,08,19,756/-
2	Construction of Classroom and Multipurpose hall for Government First Grade Womens College at Chintamani, Chikkaballapura District for the year 2026-27. **Tender Ref No.**KHB/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT 762 & IFT No.29/2026-27 Date: 22.06.2026. **Amount Put to Tender**: Rs.3,80,63,217/-

Last date for submission of bid: 22.07.2026 upto 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
No: EE/ UTP /RNR/MadagMasur/LIS-Hangal/ Call-3/PB-2/2026-27/568 Date: 08-06-2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-3)
(Through KPPP portal system) Two cover system

Percentage tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, from eligible bidders who satisfies through GO KPPP platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The Modernization of Left & Right Bank canal of Madaga Masur TankWorks under LIS sub division of amount Rs:5031.68 Lakhs(including GST) and EMD amountof Rs:42.64 Lakhs under UTP Division Ranebennur under the Head of account 4701 Madaga Masur Project for the year 2026-27. Tender processing fee as per KPPP portal system is non-refundable. The electronic tender documents can be obtained through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. and can be submitted through KPPP portal.

(1) The contractor can have access to e-tender documents from 22-06-2026 to 31-07-2026 up to 5.00 PM (**2**) Pre-bid meeting held on 13-07-2026 at 04.00 PM in the office of Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd., 4th Floor, Coffee Board, No.01 Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore, (**3**) The Last Date and time for tender queries before22-07-2026 up to 4.00 PM. (**4**) Last date of bid submission of completed e-tendering documents on 31-07-2026-up to 5.00 PM **(5)** Technical Bid will be opened on 01-08-2026 at 5.30 PM at the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, UTP Division, Ranebennur. Any changes made in the said Notification Corrected /Corrigendum's will be uploaded in the KPPP portal.

For details visit our website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact the undersigned in all working days during the office hours. Phone No. (08373) – 297332 Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender reserves the right of cancelling/rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons what so ever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, U.T.P. Dn, Ranebennur.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors registered in KCEI/KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the works: (1) Repair and Reconditioning of deteriorated transformer accessories and faulty cable of existing 160KVA transformer yard at Raichur Growth Centre, Raichur District (General Category). (2) Installation & Commissioning of Bulkflow Meter (Bulk Water Connection) for the 5MLD water supply in Kanagala Industrial Area, Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi District (Category-I). (3) Arranging Power Supply to Plot No.69 at Aliyabad 1st Phase Industrial Area, Vijayapura District (General Category). (4) Shifting/ Re-routing of 33kV and 11kV HT/LT Lines at Hidakal Dam, Hukkeri Taluk for Construction of Jackwell Pumphouse for Water Supply Work to Dharwad Node, Industrial Area at Dharwad District (General Category). (5) Construction of Entrance Gate and Security Room at Kadechur Industrial Area, Yadgiri District {Category-II(A)} (6) Repairs & Renovation of Existing Record & Store Room, Providing Furniture to the Zonal Office, Construction of New Record Room in the premises of KIADB Zonal Office Dharwad District. (ST Category) (7) Re-Conditioning, Operation & Annual Maintenance of Street Lights at Kanagala Phase-1, Belagavi District & Mulwada Phase-1 Industrial Area, Vijayapura District (SC Category).

• Last date for submission of bids is **20-07-2026** upto **04:00 pm**

Applicants May download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru

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No: TCC/Tender/E-Notification /01/2025-26 Date: 22-06-2026

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited through K.P.P Portal for outsource service for Trauma & Emergency Care Center, BMCRI, Bangalore.

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Details	Schedule
01	DME/2025-26/ SE0669-CALL 2	E-tender for Providing Housekeeping services	➢ Commencement date for uploading of E-tenders: 22/06/2026
02	DME/2025-26/ SE0670-CALL 2	E-tender for Providing Wardboy services	➢ E-Tender Pre-Bid meeting: 29/06/2026 at 3:00 PM
03	DME/2025-26/ SE0671-CALL 2	E-tender for Providing Security services	➢ Last date for uploading the E-tenders: 07/07/2026 upto 5:00 PM
04	DME/2025-26/ SE0672-CALL 2	E-tender for Providing Operation and Maintenance services	➢ Date of Opening of E-tender Technical Bid: 09/07/2026 at 11:00 AM

Tender details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPPP mode only website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact Special Officer, BMCRI Trauma & Emergency Care Center, Victoria Hospital Campus, K.R Road, Bangalore. Phone No: 080-26802727, E-mail: sploffrtcc@gmail.com website: https://teccbmcri.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Special Officer,
Trauma & Emergency Care Centre, BMCRI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed and notified that our client, **Sri. Avinash Kondur, Son of Sri. Krishnam Raju, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 7-5, Kothaindlu, Chowdepalli, Settipeta (V.T.C.), Nekalachinnapalle Post, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh – 517257,** intends to purchase the following immovable property from **Sri. Rajanna S., Son of Sri. Shivanegowda, aged about 36 years, residing at No. 33, Aralamaradadoddi Village, Kallanakuppe Post, Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Bangalore South District – 562121,** which property is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder:

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land, being the **Southern portion measuring 11 Guntas** out of the total extent of 0 Acres 24.08 Guntas (0-24.08), bearing **Survey No. 114/12**, situated at **Marasarahalli Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Bangalore South District**, and bounded on:

East : Niravari Yilake Road
West : Land belonging to Sri. Suresh, Son of Muddegowda
North : Land belonging to Sri. Shivaraju, Son of Late Marigowda alias Siddabasavegowda
South : Land belonging to Sri. Parmesh

Any person(s) having any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge, lien, encumbrance, or objection of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above-described Schedule Property, or any part thereof, are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing, together with supporting documentary evidence, to the undersigned Advocate within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no such claim or objection exists, and our client shall proceed to complete the transaction and get the Absolute Sale Deed registered in his favour without any further reference to such claims. Please Note: Any claims or objections received after the expiry of the above-mentioned period shall not be entertained, and the same shall be treated as waived and abandoned.

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Evident distress

Stress from the West Asia crisis has revealed economic pain

As the resolution process of the West Asia crisis drags on, an increasing number of economic metrics are exposing key weaknesses in the Indian economy. Many of these existed before the crisis broke out in late February and are now becoming apparent as the economy faces stress. The latest data on the Index of Eight Core Industries show that these sectors cumulatively grew just 0.5% in May 2026, the second-lowest in 21 months. It would have been easy to pass this off as a war-related impact, but the data also show that the index grew by an almost equally anaemic 1.1% over the course of the entire financial year 2025-26. What remains a concern is that the domestic crude oil and natural gas sectors continued their multi-year streaks of contractions in May as well. By this time, the third month of the conflict, oil prices had settled somewhat lower than their April peaks. As a result, oil imports by oil marketing companies began rising once again to meet domestic demand. A strategic goal continues to be missed here. While imported oil can be used to meet demand, domestic production should nevertheless be ramped up to fill strategic reserves. This reserve oil, even of inferior quality, can be released in times of shortage. The same holds true for natural gas. With natural gas imports and domestic production contracting, it followed that the fertilizer sector would also contract. The good news, however, is that the contraction – of 0.9% in May 2026 – was much lower than it was even two months earlier. In any case, what impact the 'super El Niño' will have on fertilizer demand is still uncertain.

Coal production, too, contracted by the most in nearly a year. As the summer continues to heat up, electricity generation will increasingly have to rely on variable renewable sources or costly imported coal. Notably, the core sectors are not the only ones revealing economic distress. The latest Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue data too show that domestic economic activity seems to be slowing. Revenues from domestic transactions contracted 2.6% in May 2026. The government argues that this is because of a one-time windfall transfer it received in May last year. Even so, the average growth of domestic GST revenue over the last six months was just 3.1%, lower than in 2025-26 and the year before that. This is not a supply issue, since merchandise exports hit a record high in May 2026. It is a demand problem, as low real wage growth meets rising inflation to squeeze wallets. These are all distressing signals even as India enters a deficient monsoon. Trade deals are no substitute for hard-hitting reforms.

Downing streak

Labour needs a progressive makeover to survive the far-right onslaught

Keir Starmer entered Downing Street in July 2024 with a landslide victory. Ending 14 years of Conservative rule, marked by Brexit and the chaos that followed, he promised to build a government for all and bridge the widening trust deficit between the public and the political elite. Less than two years later, the former lawyer who took pride in taking Labour back to the political centre after the brief left-wing interlude of Jeremy Corbyn, has resigned amid mounting public discontent and growing revolt within the Labour party. Mr. Starmer rode an anti-Tory wave but soon found the public turning against him over his lapses in judgment and slow economic progress. His uncharismatic, technocratic centrism failed to withstand the rapid changes shaping British politics at a time when far-right parties were surging across continental Europe. The tide began to turn after revelations that Peter Mandelson, Mr. Starmer's choice as Britain's Ambassador to Washington, had links to the late convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Pressure mounted after Labour lost local elections in England and polls in Wales and Scotland. When Andy Burnham, Labour's 'King in the North', won the Makerfield byelection and returned to Westminster, Mr. Starmer's fate was sealed, and he resigned on June 22.

Under Mr. Starmer, the U.K. saw modest improvements in key economic indicators. Its economy began growing faster than those of its G7 peers, while inflation remained broadly under control despite conflicts in Europe and Asia. New laws strengthened workers rights, and statutory minimum wage rates were raised. Yet, these incremental gains were insufficient to satisfy an electorate that had given Labour a commanding mandate. Mr. Starmer proved largely ineffective in addressing the economic anxieties of the working-class communities that delivered his majority, or the cultural grievances Reform UK had been amplifying. Labour MPs started turning against him, making it difficult for him to continue in office. Mr. Burnham, who belongs to the soft left camp of Labour, is expected to be elected as the party's new leader and the next Prime Minister – and at a moment when the old bipolar consensus of British politics is breaking down. Reform is no longer a fringe force. With the conservatives, Britain's traditional vehicle of the right, in deep decline, Reform is emerging as the second pole. Mr. Burnham should recognise that the Starmerite centrism is unlikely to withstand the onslaught of a far-right cultural politics entrenched in English nationalism. He must unite a fractious party around a progressive economic and foreign policy agenda and build a government that works for all while standing firmly on the right side of global issues. If Labour fails to reconnect with its core values and social base, it risks losing even the constituencies that have long sustained it.

Reconnect public health with people's needs

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Public health policies, like other public policies, are crucial in determining the overall health of the population and are an important contributor to a nation seeking to reap the benefits of its demographic dividend. One of the major claims of health policies in recent years has been the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC), a novel idea that seeks to ensure that every individual has access to needed health services without suffering financial hardship. Yet, populist ideas often dominate public policy despite evidence to the contrary, as seen in the case of publicly funded health insurance schemes. The changing nature of public health policy in recent years is particularly concerning, not only because it has often failed to be evidence-based, but also because of its inability to guarantee even minimal health benefits to the population.

More troubling is the failure of public health policies to improve access to health care at a time when such access is deteriorating significantly owing to rising costs in the private sector and poor quality in the public sector. Two recent government initiatives – the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres and the Digital Health Mission – illustrate these inadequacies.

The interpretation

The Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres, introduced as a policy initiative in 2018, were intended to strengthen health infrastructure. What eventually happened, however, was that the names and identities of grassroots-level institutions – namely, the health sub-centres (SCs), primary health centres (PHCs), and community health centres (CHCs) – were altered by mandatorily adding "Health and Wellness Centre" as a prefix. The identity of these grassroots institutions and their mandates have evolved over time based on their roles within the district health system. The use of a common prefix has created considerable ambiguity among health professionals and policymakers regarding their actual mandate. Another consequence of the "health and wellness" approach has been a shift in focus from population health outcomes to individual well-being. The major challenge in using well-being as an outcome measure lies in the elusive and subjective nature of the concept itself.

A historical inquiry into the concept of wellness reveals that it was initially used to denote the absence of disease and was often contrasted with illness. It was also frequently used interchangeably with health. During the 1950s, the wellness movement popularised the idea of positive well-being by conceptualising health beyond its biological dimensions. The mental cure model similarly emphasised the psychological and spiritual aspects of healing. Influenced by these developments, the World Health Organization (WHO) defined health as not merely the absence of disease, thereby promoting the notion of positive well-being. Over time, wellness expanded beyond physiological health to include mental, spiritual, social and environmental dimensions, offering a more holistic understanding of health. In public health, however, the emphasis shifted towards health promotion – a population-based approach that recognises how social, economic and environmental conditions shape people's ability to adopt healthy behaviours.

Another reason for preferring health promotion over wellness was the greater rigour and feasibility associated with measuring the former. There are no universally accepted measures of well-being at the population level, as the concept is inherently individualistic and deeply subjective. Unlike health promotion, the concept of wellness places the primary responsibility on individuals, assuming that they possess the capacity and opportunity to modify their health-related choices. In doing so, it often underestimates the structural and social determinants that shape health outcomes.

The individualisation of health

The shift from population health status to individual well-being is a consequence of the changing wellness narrative brought by the public health policy. The implication is that health status, which was previously assessed through unmet needs in preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative care – including access to basic services such as drinking water, food and nutrition, chronic disease management, emergency care, and maternal and child health services – is increasingly being replaced by the aspiration to achieve individual well-being. This shift in focus has contributed to the rise of health coaches and the proliferation of social media messages promoting individual well-being, often under the banner of public health.

When health outcomes are framed primarily in terms of individual well-being, there is a risk of failing to systematically capture a wide range of unmet health needs that remain significant for the population. The broader narrative increasingly suggests that the achievement of individual well-being is the ultimate objective of health and wellness centres. This presents a serious challenge. As the well-known principle in management states, "If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it". Given the inherently subjective nature of well-being, an excessive policy focus on this outcome may undermine the ability to evaluate health systems effectively and address concrete deficiencies in health care access and service delivery.

Another major public health policy initiative of recent years is the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission (ABDHM), whose principal objective is to create a digital repository of health information for every individual through a unique health ID, known as the ABHA card. In addition, the mission seeks to maintain registries of health facilities, health-care professionals and information related to health insurance. However, an information portal containing health records and details of health infrastructure cannot, by itself, address the challenges posed by inadequate access to health care. Nor does it justify the annual budget of around ₹300 crore to the ABDHM in the absence of measurable outcomes.

Factors behind inadequate access to care

It is well established that inadequate access to health care in India stems from the unaffordability of care in the private sector and the lack of quality health-care facilities in the public sector. Merely creating databases of individual health records, health facilities and health-care professionals cannot improve access to health care. If the argument is that information is the first step towards strengthening the health system, there exists a substantial body of reports and datasets that provide such information.

The more pertinent question is how information contained in an individual's health record, through an ABHA card, can guarantee access to health care when health-care infrastructure remains grossly inadequate and unaffordable for large sections of the population. Even if every individual in a district possesses an ABHA card and all health facilities and health-care professionals are digitally mapped, the delivery of health care still requires a robust institutional mechanism. Unfortunately, the ABDHM, as currently designed, has little to say about the provisioning of care. It primarily generates information on individuals, facilities and health-care professionals, all of which continue to operate largely in silos.

It is therefore difficult to identify a compelling public health rationale for this scale of data generation. What is missing from current policy initiatives are concrete measures to strengthen public health-care institutions, as envisaged under India's three-tier health-care system. Instead, these institutions continue to weaken in many parts of the country.

For most people, access to curative care constitutes an immediate and pressing need. Only after these basic health-care requirements are met can individuals meaningfully engage with preventive and promotive health interventions. When public health policies fail to recognise people's felt needs, they risk becoming mere vehicles for advancing the priorities of policymakers and health-care providers rather than addressing the actual concerns of the population.

The views expressed are personal

Access to curative care and stronger institutions must anchor India's health policy

India's next challenge — from invention to global scale

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India has never lacked technological vision. Time and again, it has anticipated transformative technologies long before they became mainstream. It has built impressive scientific capabilities, developed indigenous innovations, and demonstrated remarkable ingenuity. Yet, in several critical sectors, it has struggled to convert early technological leadership into globally dominant industries.

As India embarks on ambitious missions in semiconductors, artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing and space technologies, it is worth reflecting on an important lesson from its past: invention alone is not enough. The true measure of technological success lies in scaling innovation into globally competitive enterprises.

Ahead of its time

Consider semiconductors. India established the Semiconductor Complex Limited (SCL) in the 1970s – when semiconductors were still an emerging industry – recognising early that integrated circuits would become the foundation of the digital age. Yet, while Taiwan built TSMC and South Korea developed Samsung's semiconductor empire, India failed to translate its early lead into a globally competitive manufacturing ecosystem. The problem was not vision or scientific capability, but limited capital, inadequate scale, inconsistent policy support and an inward-looking public sector approach.

A similar story can be told about ECIL. Established in 1967, it developed indigenous computers, control systems and strategic electronics when India faced severe technology embargoes. ECIL played a vital role in building technological self-reliance. However, its focus remained on strategic requirements rather than globally competitive commercial products. As a result, scientific excellence stayed within institutions instead of creating large industrial ecosystems. The Simputer followed a similar trajectory. Conceived in 1998 by Indian technologists, it anticipated many features that would later define smartphones and tablets. Yet, despite its innovation, the supporting ecosystem was absent. Venture capital, software platforms, component supply chains and consumer markets were not mature enough to help it achieve global scale. A few years later, Apple transformed personal computing through the iPhone and built one of the world's most valuable technology ecosystems. The lesson is clear: being first matters little if you cannot scale.

India has seen similar patterns elsewhere. It developed early expertise in computing, telecommunications and electronics. Yet, many pioneering initiatives remained prototypes, pilots or public-sector achievements rather than globally dominant businesses.

Models of success

Fortunately, history also offers examples of success. India's pharmaceutical industry evolved into a globally competitive manufacturing powerhouse, making the country the pharmacy of the world and a leading vaccine producer. India also developed indigenous supercomputing capabilities through the PARAM programme. More recently, Aadhaar and UPI have shown how technology platforms designed for scale can transform a nation. Scale creates ecosystems, ecosystems create industries, and industries create global leadership.

Today, India stands at another technological inflection point. AI, quantum computing and space technologies are likely to shape the next half-century, just as semiconductors and software shaped the last. India already possesses significant strengths in software engineering and digital infrastructure. The challenge now is to build globally scalable AI products and platforms. The emergence of DeepSeek showed that technological leadership is not only about building the largest models. It is also about making intelligence cheaper and more accessible. The AI race may ultimately be won by those who make intelligence affordable, ubiquitous and widely available.

India is uniquely positioned to lead this movement. Just as UPI democratised financial inclusion, India should aspire to democratise intelligence through low-cost, energy-efficient AI models that can serve billions of people.

Quantum computing presents another opportunity. Rather than merely replicating existing approaches, India should focus on reducing the cost of quantum infrastructure and developing practical applications in health care, materials science, climate modelling and drug discovery.

The same should extend to space. The successes of Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan proved that frugal innovation can coexist with world-class ambition. As computing demands escalate globally, concepts such as space-based data centres powered by continuous solar energy are attracting serious attention. India should not merely participate in these conversations; it should lead them. We should ask bold questions about orbital computing infrastructure, space-based AI platforms or even data centres and quantum communication networks.

These ideas may seem futuristic today. But so did semiconductors, smartphones and AI when they first emerged.

Stopping too soon

The deeper lesson from SCL, ECIL and Simputer is not that India failed, but that it often stopped too soon. We celebrated technological capability before building the ecosystems needed for global scale. The next phase of India's technological journey must combine self-reliance with global ambition. The challenge is no longer merely to invent; it is to build, scale, commercialise and create enterprises that can compete globally.

India has already demonstrated world-class scientific and engineering capabilities. The opportunity now is to translate that ingenuity into globally competitive industries that shape the technologies of the future.

The countries that lead tomorrow may not be those that invent first, but those that scale best. This time, India must do both.

The country must transform innovation into globally dominant technology enterprises

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No compromise on safety

It is deeply unfortunate that fires continue to engulf commercial complexes across India, with faulty electrical wiring and leakages emerging as perennial culprits. The tragedy in Lucknow's Aliganj area (Front page, June 23) once again exposes the criminal negligence that has become all too routine. Wiring standards for commercial establishments remain outdated, poorly enforced and often bypassed through corruption or sheer incompetence. Agencies responsible for public safety — including the electrical inspectorate, urban development authorities, fire services and local municipal bodies — must be held accountable. A nationwide review and comprehensive overhaul of wiring standards is urgently needed.

A. Thirugnanasambantham,
Coimbatore

Sushruta statue

It was gratifying to read that a bronze statue of Maharishi Sushruta — revered as the Father of Surgery — has been unveiled at The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. It would be truly inspirational to have well-sculpted statues of the sage surgeon in centres of science and medicine across India. Tu Youyou, who was awarded the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for synthesising a life-saving antimalarial based on cues from traditional Chinese medicine, affirmed that cultural legacies inspire scientific work. "Let us reach to a greater height to appreciate Chinese culture and find the beauty and treasure in the territory of traditional Chinese medicine!" she said.

Dr. G.L. Krishna,
Bengaluru

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India's patchy industrial climate strategy

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The inevitable conclusion emerging from the ambitious targets set up by the government's Make-in-India, Viksit Bharat (2047) and net-zero emissions (2070) commitments is that industrial decarbonisation is central to India's long-term climate goals.

As the economy grows, both existing and emerging manufacturing segments expand, fuelling a steep rise in energy demand. Balancing this industrial growth on the one hand and population-driven consumption demand on the other with national emission reduction objectives requires highly targeted policies. The recently submitted First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) by India to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change provides a detailed account of national emissions. The report discloses that in 2022, over 20% of India's total emissions stemmed directly from the industrial sector. Specifically, it shows that the fuel consumption in manufacturing industries and construction accounts for 13% of total emissions, while industrial processes and product use accounts for another 9%. This clearly demonstrates how much manufacturing activities contribute to the overall carbon footprint, a trend that has remained consistent over time.

Mitigation planning

To mitigate industrial emissions and energy consumption, the government has relied on two major market-based mechanisms. The BTR1 acknowledges the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme as a primary initiative, which aims to reduce specific energy consumption across 13 energy-intensive industries. PAT is now transitioning to the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), which focuses on reducing the emission intensity of nine industrial sectors, including aluminium, cement, fertilizers, iron and steel, petrochemicals, petroleum refining, pulp and paper, textiles, and chlor-alkali. The other four industries, which include thermal power plants, railways, DISCOMs and commercial buildings, will continue under the PAT scheme.

While these schemes set benchmarks, encourage energy efficiency, and reduce emission intensity, there is a clear gap in how mitigation planning is envisioned across Indian industries. These policies are designed almost entirely for well-defined, traditional heavy-emitting sectors such as cement, steel, fertilizers, refineries, and textiles. However, they de facto overlook a massive proportion of industrial emissions, specifically those generated by fuel consumption in, what India's emission inventory classifies as, "non-specific industries".

A careful analysis of emissions data for India's manufacturing industries and construction sector for the latest reported year, 2020, reveals a crucial puzzle that needs to be solved urgently. The explicitly specified major industrial sectors accounted for slightly more than 55% of the total emissions generated from manufacturing industries and construction. Conversely, more than 40% of those sectoral emissions were caused by the "non-specific industries" category alone. A similar pattern has been seen in 2014, 2016, and 2019 as well, as per the detailed emission inventory available on NITI Aayog's India Climate and Energy Dashboard. To sum up, the classification of sectors in India's emission inventory reflects that a surprisingly large volume of emissions falls under a single, vague heading of "non-specific industries".

The point of concern is that the scope of mitigation policies in India has relied on an enforcement and incentive-based structure around specific, identifiable sectors. For instance, some of the explicitly identified sectors in the emission inventory, such as power, cement, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, and textiles, are covered by mitigation measures such as PAT and CCTS. Yet, a major part of industrial emissions remains in an administrative grey area, with serious implications for India's broader industrial climate strategy. As this 40% block lacks specific sub-sectoral definitions, the various industries clustered therein effectively fall outside the primary scope of both PAT and CCTS. They are not subject to the same energy efficiency mandates or emission-reduction targets as industries such as steel or cement, despite their contributions to the emissions load. This policy gap keeps a significant portion of the country's industrial base out of the green transition.

Balancing industrial growth on the one hand and population-driven consumption demand on the other with national emission reduction objectives requires highly targeted policies

Need to identify industries

For India to successfully decouple its industrial growth from greenhouse gas emissions, the next phase of its national climate strategy needs more transparent, disaggregated data. This must begin with breaking down the existing "non-specific industries" in the emission inventory. For timely realisation of the net-zero emissions target, policymakers need to urgently focus on identifying exactly which sub-sectors contribute to these 40% emissions, how their specific energy consumption patterns are evolving, and the part in the process chain where emissions are primarily concentrated.

Transparency in climate reporting is often framed as an international obligation, a way to prove to the world that a nation is effectively traversing the path for honouring its pledges. But the real value of transparency is deeply domestic. It provides policymakers with an appropriate level of clarity to monitor exactly where the interventions are heading and where there is scope for course correction. Therefore, to build a low-carbon economy, exact knowledge on these passive outliers is non-negotiable.

A plausible rewiring in Karnataka

Private entrants in power supply should share the State's responsibilities

STATE OF PLAY

Shridhar Prabhu

Recently, in Karnataka, Tata Power Company Limited (TPCL) sought distribution licences across areas presently served by State-owned Electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMs). These applications have come as the Union government is again considering competition in distributing electricity licences. Therefore, what Karnataka is deliberating on is not just a routine licensing request; it is deciding what kind of power market other States may later be asked to emulate.

The promise is attractive. Consumers want reliable supply and responsive service. Moreover, it has precedents – Mumbai has overlapping licensees; Delhi and Odisha use distinct distribution companies with State participation; and Ajmer follows a franchise model. But these precedents also teach caution. Competition for a market, where an operator assumes a defined territory, is different from competition within a market where suppliers seek consumers in an area which is already being serviced. Karnataka appears to be testing the latter.

Electricity is not ordinary retail. Urban households, commercial establishments and industries are easier and more profitable to serve. In contrast, rural supply, irrigation pumps and dispersed connections cost more. As State utilities cannot simply walk away from remote or commercially unattractive consumers, if an entrant gains access to remunerative urban pockets while inherited obligations stay with the State, reform may privatise revenue while socialising cost.

This makes geography important. Public descriptions of the TPCL's applications refer to clusters of adjoining districts. A closer reading, however, appears to indicate a narrower footprint centred on city and town municipal areas. Karnataka's licensing regulations require maps of the proposed supply area and a list of the local authorities concerned. These are not just clerical attachments; without accessible maps and an exact territorial description, consumers cannot know whether they are affected. The chosen geography must be explained before the process advances.

Questions of cost

The harder question is financial. State utilities use contributions from higher-paying consumers to support subsidised categories. They also carry long-term power-purchase commitments, including fixed charges that do not vanish when demand migrates. How will cross-subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge operate if TPCL supplies to consumers which already have ESCOM coverage?

The applications reportedly invoke a Supreme Court ruling which states that an incumbent network must facilitate wheeling for a parallel licensee on payment of wheeling charges and surcharge. However, that proposition cannot simply be transplanted into Karnataka without a carefully designed framework. Section 42 of the Electricity Act addresses open access, protection of existing cross-subsidy and recovery of stranded fixed costs. Karnataka has not determined a clear inter-licensee surcharge mechanism for this arrangement. The regulator must decide who pays, to whom, on what basis, and whether consumers using Tata Power's future wires stand differently from those using ESCOM infrastructure. Otherwise, attractive consumers may migrate before the costs left behind are allocated. There is danger at both ends. If no surcharge is recovered, remaining ESCOM consumers absorb the deficit. If an ill-designed surcharge is added despite cross-subsidy already being embedded in Tata Power's regulated retail tariff, migrating consumers may pay twice. Competition requires a principled method, not an improvised levy determined after public scrutiny.

Network design presents another choice. Competition should not produce parallel forests of poles, cables and substations. Nor should a new entrant rely indefinitely on public infrastructure without transparent charges and maintenance duties. India needs a neutral framework for shared networks.

None of this is an argument against private participation. However, consumer choice cannot be built on unclear maps, selective geography, duplicated networks or unresolved surcharges. The real question is not whether competition should enter electricity distribution. It is whether competition will carry the same obligations as the public system it seeks to disrupt.

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Fiscal prudence is the need of the hour for T.N.'s power utilities

The approach of successive governments to not hike user or service provider charges regularly has led to power sector entities accumulating debt

DATA POINT

T. Ramakrishnan

The grim financial health of the Tamil Nadu government has been accentuated by the plight of State Public Sector Undertakings (SPSUs). The recently released White Paper on public finances of Tamil Nadu has highlighted the deteriorating financial situation of the SPSUs (there are 78 SPSUs with about 2.55 lakh employees).

Describing the aggregate financial trajectory of the SPSUs as one of "deepening losses," the White Paper provisionally puts the accumulated debt of select major undertakings at ₹3.18 lakh crore as of March 31, 2026 **(Chart 1)**. The reasons for the SPSUs' poor financial performance are not far to seek. Fundamentally, the enterprises recover only a small portion of their operational costs. It is not because of their inability to recover costs but because of the approach of successive governments, which did not hike user or service provider charges at regular intervals as and when the situation demanded. Consequently, the SPSUs are left with no surplus for investments in new capital assets or for the proper maintenance of existing assets, besides a persistent increase in their consolidated debt and accumulated losses **(Chart 2)**.

Before dwelling upon this further, it is worthwhile to highlight how the power sector SPSUs have been reorganised in the past 16 years. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) – which existed as a vertically integrated power utility between 1957 and 2010 – was reduced to a shell firm with the formation of two companies: Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) and Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited.

In 2024, TANGEDCO ceased to exist after it was split into three new entities. The Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Limited (TNPGCL) and the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDCL) were created to handle generation and distribution respectively. TANGEDCO's renewable energy operations and the Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency were clubbed to set up the Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited (TNGECL).

The policy of free electricity, which was initially offered to farmers regardless of the size of their landholdings and huts, and subsequently extended to a host of other types of consumers, has substantially eroded the fiscal autonomy of the TNPDCL (previously the TNEB or TANGEDCO), rendering it perpetually dependent on the financial assistance of the State government, which is already struggling to meet its commitments.

Moreover, in the last 10-odd years, only twice did the end domestic consumer witness a tariff increase, once with a "suo motu" tariff order in 2014 by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) and via another order in 2022.

The number of domestic consumers alone went up by about 70 lakh in these years. Costly power purchases and materials procurement have contributed in no small measure to the stress on the DISCOM's finances. The power tariffs were increased in 2024 and 2025, but consumers were spared as the government decided to absorb the increase through tariff subsidies.

Chart 3 shows the gap between the Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and the Average Revenue Realised (ARR) narrowing. While the tariff hike in 2022-23 helped to an extent, what has led to a positive change in the DISCOM's finances is the financial support given by the State government, after taking a bailout package in 2020-21 from the Union government **(Chart 4)**.

These numbers underscore that, hereafter, fiscal prudence should become the norm for the TNPDCL and its sister companies.

Firmly in the red

The data for the charts were sourced from the White Paper on public finances of Tamil Nadu, released on June 16, 2026

Chart 1: Outstanding debt of Tamil Nadu government's select public sector undertakings as on March 31, 2026. Their total accumulated debt stood at ₹3.18 lakh crore

*TNCSC - Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation

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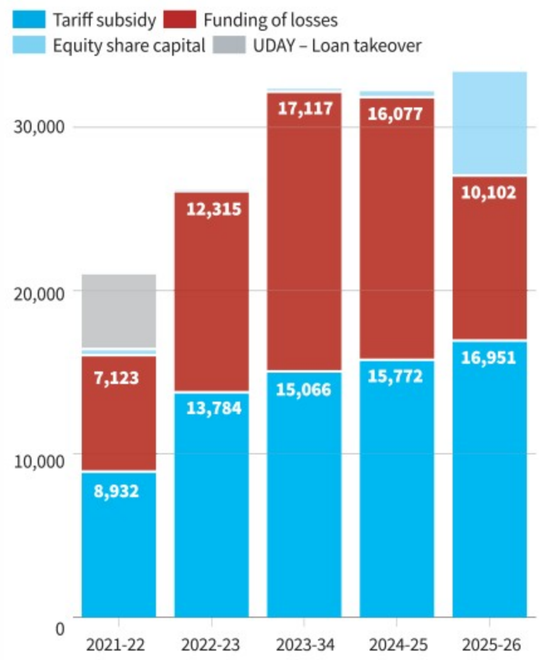
Chart 2: Outstanding debt and accumulated losses of State-run power sector entities. (Figures in ₹ lakh crore)

Chart 3: The gap between the Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and the Average Revenue Realised (ARR) has narrowed since 2023-24

Year	Power sold (MU)	ARR (₹ per unit)	ACS (₹ per unit)	Revenue gap (₹ per unit)	Revenue gap (excluding loss funding) (₹ per unit)
2021-22	82,076	7.65	9.23	−1.58	-2.4
2022-23	87,916	9.37	10.61	−1.24	-2.68
2023-24	92,735	10.66	11.14	−0.48	-2.32
2024-25	96,803	10.37	10.42	−0.05	-1.7
2025-26 (RE/Prov.)	99,885	10.41	10.37	0.04	-1.6

MU - Million units, RE/Prov. - Revised Estimate/Provisional

Chart 4: Assistance provided to the entities of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board by the State government. (Figures in ₹ crore)



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 24, 1976

Indo-Pak accord on Amritsar-Lahore Express Train Link

New Delhi, June 23: An express train will start running between Amritsar and Lahore when rail traffic between India and Pakistan is resumed. An agreement to this effect was reached between the railway experts of the two countries to-day when talks began here on the restoration of the rail links that had snapped in 1965.

The timings of the proposed express train are under discussion, keeping in view the connections to long distance mail and express trains at Amritsar and Lahore.

The expert teams of India and Pakistan, which are now discussing the modalities of resumption of rail traffic, will divide themselves into two groups.

The first group will go into the mechanical aspects of carriage and wagon fleets, loco arrangements etc. while the second group will sort out details about freight rating and compensation claims. The two groups will be formed after discussing the operational and mechanical issues connected with the expected passenger and goods traffic between the two countries consequent on resumption of the rail link. These discussions will be held by the two delegations in full strength.

During the talks, the experts will discuss the basic principles for movement of passenger and goods traffic.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 24, 1926

Foreign advertiser reprimanded

London, June 22: Widely published reports of the tyreburst which recently occurred to the Prince of Wales when motoring at Thanet has had a sequel in the appearance of a semi-official reproof of an unnamed foreign advertising agency which states that the burst was not due to any defect in the tyre.

"The Prince uses British tyres and does not intend changing them for foreign ones. The attempt to exploit foreign tyres on account of the mishap is strongly resented by those responsible for the safety of His Royal Highness."

From Page One

Govt. tightens norms for foreign contributions

Some categories specifically exclude political activities. For instance, the "educational" purpose lists 22 activities but adds the caveat that "awareness programmes on constitutional rights, fundamental duties, and civic responsibilities" must be "strictly non-political in nature."

There are 16 permitted categories of religious activities, including "conduct of religious education, moral instruction, satsangs, discourses, and meditation retreats (excluding proselytisation)", and "burial/cremation ground development and maintenance." There are 19 activities listed under "economic" purpose, and 30 items under the "social" category.

The Ministry notified another order which specifies fines for FCRA violations such as excess administrative spending, speculative investments, misuse of funds, unauthorised receipt/use of foreign contributions, and using funds for unapproved purposes or in unapproved States or Union Territories. Any use of funds for purposes other than those for which they were received can attract a penalty of up to 30% of the amount misused or ₹1 lakh, whichever is higher. Similarly, using foreign funds for purposes or in areas not covered under the NGO's approval or registration also invites a fine of 30% of the amount or ₹1 lakh, whichever is higher.

IMO plans to evacuate ships in Persian Gulf

The letter says that the Sultanate of Oman has worked with the IMO to provide all vessels with the option of a temporary maritime corridor as per listed coordinates. To reduce risks and ensure safe navigation, the IMO has developed a phased approach based on groups of vessels.

The letter says that the traditional traffic separation scheme is unsafe in a reference to mines, and two routes, one south and another north of it, shall be used for transit. Vessels will be contacted individually and advised of their allocated transit day by the parties coordinated by the IMO.

These two routes can handle 20-30 ships a day while the traditional route at the centre of the strait used to see some 130 ships transiting every day before the war. Hundreds of ships are still stranded west of the Strait of Hormuz.

There will be a designated waiting area within international waters where ships will go. From there, the vessels will contact "the relevant coastal state", in a reference to Iran for the northern route. The letter adds: "Each shipowner and master remains responsible for conducting an independent risk assessment prior to voyage." The Automatic Identification System of the vessel shall stay on, the letter adds.

The letter gives the coordinates of the Omani route that ships should take.

Wang seeks resumption of dialogue mechanism

"China and India have nearly 50 government-to-government dialogue mechanisms; unfortunately, most of them remain stalled," Ambassador Xu had said speaking at *The Hindu* Huddle in Bengaluru.

Mr. Doval had, in Monday's meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs meeting in New Delhi, underlined that stable, predictable and constructive bilateral relations contribute to building trust and better understanding between the two sides.

Yet the normalisation process has been in fits and starts with even simpler measures, such as the resumption of direct flights, taking many months of long-winding negotiations. Other dialogue mechanisms are yet to resume, even as both sides are finalising arrangements for Mr. Doval to visit Beijing for the next round of talks with Mr. Wang under the Special Representatives mechanism.

A lengthier Chinese readout of the talks released early on Tuesday said Mr. Wang, who is also Director of the Office of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission, stated in Monday's talks that "India is an important neighbour of China."

"Under the joint guidance of President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, China-India relations have gradually emerged from their low point and returned to a track of recovery and improvement. The leaders of both countries agree that China and India are partners, not rivals, which forms the most important strategic consensus between the two sides and provides crucial momentum and strategic assurance for the healthy and stable development of China-India relations," the statement said.

"These achievements did not come easily and deserve to be cherished all the more," he said. "Both sides need to take practical actions to implement the important consensus of the two countries' leaders, assist each other's development and revitalisation through cooperation, and push the Global South to accelerate its modernisation process. The two sides should respect each other's core interests, properly handle sensitive issues, place the China-India boundary issue in its appropriate position, and prevent it from affecting the overall situation of bilateral relations."

The Chinese statement quoted Mr. Doval as saying Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi, through their meetings in Kazan in October 2024 and Tianjin in August 2025, had "pointed the way forward for the development of bilateral relations through their meetings in Kazan and Tianjin".

Farmers' group flags ration risk for lakhs in West Bengal

Supreme Court says petitioners must ideally move Calcutta HC; plea claims that the outcome of SIR has been linked to food security schemes in the State and could impact welfare benefits

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Food security benefits for the economically vulnerable must not be dependent on exercises such as the SIR, the petition said. PTI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said petitioners must ideally move the Calcutta High Court with a plea that a West Bengal government order on June 4 effectively deprived lakhs who were purged from the voters' list after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) access to subsidised ration and nutrition.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Justice B.V. Nagarathna, the Paschim Banga Khet Majoor Samity, an independent trade union of agricultural labourers, marginal farmers and sharecroppers, submitted that the outcome of the SIR has been linked to the working of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Annapurna Yojana.

The PDS is a welfare mechanism intended to secure access to essential food grains for economically vulnerable households. The scheme operates within the framework of the National Food Security Act of 2013. It is designed to ensure basic sustenance to families facing economic hardships. The Annapurna Yojana is a welfare scheme intended to provide financial assistance to economically vulnerable women.

The farmers' group, represented by advocate Prasanna S., argued that food security benefits for the economically vulnerable must not be dependent on unrelated considerations like SIR.

'Pattern in other States'

In an oral mentioning before the Bench, which included Justice Joymalya Bagchi, counsel submitted from the petition that the June 4 order reflected an "emerging pattern" among other States, indicating similar exclusionary linkages between SIR outcomes and welfare schemes.

The petitioner contended that the June 4 order has directed authorities to identify, scrutinise and delete beneficiaries on the basis of classifications generated during the SIR, effectively introducing into the food security framework considerations entirely foreign to the purposes of the National Food Security Act, 2013.

Counsel submitted that the June 4 order effectively treats electoral status, inclusion in electoral rolls and criteria generated during electoral verification exercises as valid determinants of entitlement to food security benefits.

Nevertheless, the impugned order effectively treats such classifications as indicators of eligibility. The petitioners have argued that a linkage between SIR and food security schemes may lead to inactivation of the ration cards of 35 lakh and 60 lakh people in the State.

Counsel submitted that the deletion of names from the PDS and Annapurna Scheme only on the basis of the SIR would result in no opportunity of being heard for the aggrieved persons. Such a conduct on the part of the State militates against its welfare character under the Constitution.

The Bench remarked that a primary determination has to be made if the cause of action in the petition really emanated from the SIR exercise, as canvassed by the petitioner, or was due to other policy reasons. The apex court urged the petitioner to first approach the High Court.

Centre is trying to dilute its promise, say Ladakh groups

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Markets in Kargil and Leh districts observe a shutdown after a call by civil society bodies

Ladakh's Kargil and Leh districts on Tuesday observed a shutdown over the failure of the Centre to release the minutes of a meeting held on May 22, which apparently agreed to a new set of democratic and constitutional guarantees for the region.

Most markets and businesses in Leh and Kargil, the two main towns in Ladakh, witnessed a shutdown in response to a call by the Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), among the main civil society groups that engaged the Centre in a dialogue over long-pending demands of Statehood, and inclusion in the Sixth Schedule.

"All important points related to constitutional safeguards and an elected legislative body for Ladakh were omitted from the official meeting record. We refused to endorse the minutes after noticing the omission of key provisions, including safeguards under Article 371 and powers for a proposed elected body in the Union Territory. The Centre is making an attempt to dilute the commitments," the LBA's president Tsering Dorjey Lakrook, who addressed a gathering at the Polo Ground in Leh, said.

Mr. Lakrook also criticised proposals promoting large-scale investments and luxury tourism. The new excise policy had been introduced "without adequate consultation", he said.

Sajjad Kargili, a senior member of the KDA, who attended the May 22 talks with the Centre, said the bandh "reflects the growing demand of the people of Ladakh for democratic rights, constitutional safeguards, protection of land and resources, and greater participation in decisions that directly impact their future".

According to the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance, the Centre on May 22 offered constitutional safeguards under Article 371, instead of the Sixth Schedule, and a legislative body with a Chief Minister for Ladakh.

BRICS can play a key role in tackling terrorism: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's leadership of the BRICS grouping will help in enhancing priorities of the Global South, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

Meeting the National Security Advisers of the BRICS member-countries here, Mr. Modi said the grouping can play a vital role in dealing with terrorism, cyber security, and other common challenges.

"In a challenging global landscape, BRICS has a vital role in deepening security cooperation and addressing shared challenges, from terrorism and cyber security to emerging technologies. India's chairmanship will seek to advance practical cooperation, support the priorities of the Global South, and contribute to a safer and more secure and inclusive world," said Mr. Modi while meeting the NSAs of the BRICS member-states.

The member-states held a two-day meeting here from June 22 where the delegates discussed energy and food security, supply chain disruption, emerging technologies that are used by terrorist networks, cyber security, and climate-induced instability.

The delegations expressed their "full support" to India's BRICS chairship in 2026 under the theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability', said the MEA in a statement.

Iran's complaint

The meeting also witnessed some tense moments when the delegates of the UAE and Iran clashed over the war in the Gulf with Ghadir Nezamipour, leader of the Iranian delegation.

"Attacks were launched from bases located on the territory of the United Arab Emirates, Mr. Nezamipour said.

President presents second set of Padma awards

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President Droupadi Murmu confers the Padma Vibhushan on former Supreme Court judge K.T. Thomas during the second civil investiture ceremony in New Delhi on Tuesday. Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj and playback singer Alka Yagnik received the Padma Bhushan. PTI, ANI

Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj, actors Mammootty and Satish Shah, cricketer Rohit Sharma, and playback singer Alka Yagnik were among the eminent personalities who received the Padma awards from President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday.

The Padma awards, one of the highest civilian awards of the country, are conferred in three categories: the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and the Padma Shri.

In the second civil investiture ceremony at the Ganatantra Mandap of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President presented the Padma Vibhushan to former Supreme Court judge K. T. Thomas for public affairs and to eminent Malayalam journalist P. Narayanan for contribution to literature and education.

Alka Yagnik, Mammootty, American oncologist Dattatreyudu Nori, Vijay Amritraj, industrialist S.K.M. Maeilanandhan, and social worker and educationist Vellappally Natesan received the Padma Bhushan from the President during the ceremony. Rupi Soren, wife of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha founder Shibu Soren, received the Padma Bhushan on behalf of the late leader.

Padma Shri

The President conferred the Padma Shri on cricketer Rohit Sharma, who led India to victory in the last T-20 World Cup, and on hockey player Savita Punia. Actor R. Madhavan, aerospace scientist Chandramouli Gaddamanugu, who led the Akash missile system from development to deployment during Operation Sindoor, and noted writer Asok Kumar Haldar were among those who received the Padma Shri.

Vladimir Mestvirishvili, the Georgian coach who mentored Indian Olympic medallists such as Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, and Ravi Dahiya, was awarded the Padma Shri posthumously.

The President also conferred the Padma Shri on actor Satish Shah posthumously.

SIT visits blaze site in Lucknow, meets injured in hospital

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Congress blames Uttar Pradesh govt. over administrative lapses and 'sheer negligence'

The two-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Tuesday visited the Lucknow fire incident site and later met the injured victims admitted to King George's Medical University (KGMU). The SIT gathered information regarding the incident. A team from the Uttar Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) also collected crucial evidence from the site.

At least 15 people, mostly students, were killed and five were injured in the fire that engulfed the three-storey commercial building housing a graphics animation centre, a pet shop, and a library in Aliganj area of the city on Monday. SIT members Amrit Abhijat, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department, and Praveen Kumar, ADG, Lucknow Zone, reached the site in the morning. They conducted a detailed inspection of the entire building for over an hour.

The final report will be prepared after completing all stages of the inquiry, Mr. Abhijat said.

Uttar Pradesh Congress unit president Ajay Rai alleged that the State government bears full responsibility for this incident. "The Lucknow fire incident is the result of sheer negligence on the part of the government and administration. A demolition order had already been issued against the building. The electricity load far exceeded the capacity of the electricity connection provided by the department."

Japanese PM to visit Delhi; Assam plan cancelled

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi will not visit Guwahati from July 1-3, as was planned earlier. She will hold her interactions in Delhi because of the "tight" schedule, *The Hindu* has learnt. The Guwahati part of her visit was earlier planned as the centrepiece of the tour, as Japan reportedly wanted to highlight the importance of India's northeast in Japan's plans for South and Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific initiative.

"Given PM Takaichi's domestic commitments, including an ongoing Japanese Parliament, the window between her proposed arrival in India and her departure is quite tight," a source told *The Hindu*.

The meetings would now be held in New Delhi as Ms. Takaichi makes her first official visit to India.

SC stays premature release of convict in Bowbazar blast case

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed a Delhi High Court decision to prematurely release 78-year-old Rashid Khan serving a life sentence for the 1993 Bowbazar blast case that left 69 people dead in Kolkata.

A Bench of Justices P.K. Mishra and Sanjeev Sachdeva remarked that the actions of Mr. Khan amounted to "almost a terrorist activity" and he had played the "role of a mastermind".

The defence counsel, who accepted the apex court notice on the petition filed by the West Bengal government, argued that Khan's health was bad. He had been imprisoned for about 33 years, and his conduct had been excellent throughout. The case was kept for further hearing in early July.

APPEAL

Krishna Prasanna is 13 years old suffering from "T Cell - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia". He needs Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is **Rs.8,00,000/-**. His father works as a labourer. The family is very poor and cannot afford this huge cost. Please support him for the treatment. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged**. The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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George Kurian resigns as Union Minister after RS tenure ends

Senior BJP leader from Kerala steps down as Minister of State as BJP did not renominate him in the recent election to the Upper House; he was the only Christian Minister in the NDA govt.; his resignation sets off talks about a Cabinet reshuffle

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NEW DELHI/ KOTTAYAM

George Kurian has resigned as the Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs following the completion of his Rajya Sabha tenure. President Droupadi Murmu accepted his resignation on Tuesday.

Mr. Kurian, a senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader from Kerala, held the additional charge of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying portfolios.

He retired from the Rajya Sabha on June 21 and the BJP leadership had decided not to renominate him to the Upper House in the recent election, thus necessitating his resignation from the Union Ministry.

A communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said Mr. Kurian's resignation was accepted under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution with immediate effect.

Party work: BJP leader George Kurian is likely to return to active organisational responsibilities in his home State of Kerala. ANI

Long association

Hailing from Kottayam district, Mr. Kurian was the sole Christian Minister in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government and took charge on June 9, 2024.

Mr. Kurian had been associated with the BJP and the RSS since 1980, holding various positions including of party spokesperson and vice-president of the Kerala BJP unit. He had served as the Vice-Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and as Officer on Special Duty in the office of former Union Minister of State for Railways O. Rajagopal. He had been elected to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh.

He has been associated with the BJP and the RSS since 1980, holding various positions

Kurian thanks PM

His resignation set off speculation that a reshuffle of the Union Cabinet was in the offing. Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu's Rajya Sabha term also came to an end when Mr. Kurian's did, but no resignation has been forthcoming from him till the time of writing.

In a Facebook post after his resignation was accepted, Mr. Kurian said that becoming a Union Minister was not something that he had imagined and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the opportunity.

Sharing a photograph of himself with Mr. Modi, he said he had personally thanked the Prime Minister when they met on June 22, and he had submitted his resignation.

"I had never imagined, not even in my dreams, that I would become a Union Minister. It was only because Narendra Modi became Prime Minister that I was given the opportunity to serve as a Union Minister," he wrote.

Sources in the BJP said Mr. Kurian is likely to return to active organisational responsibilities and has conveyed to the party leadership that he is interested in working in Kerala.

Congress urges Centre not to rush into signing a trade agreement with the U.S.

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> There is absolutely no need for India to be bamboozled into signing any trade pact which, as it stands now, is heavily against India's interests
>
> **JAIRAM RAMESH**
> Congress leader

The Congress on Tuesday urged the Union government not to be "bamboozled" into signing a trade agreement with the United States, arguing that the proposed deal in its current form was tilted against India's interests.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should stop "appeasing" U.S. President Donald Trump and resist the pressure to conclude an agreement during the visit of U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer to New Delhi. The deal could adversely affect farmers and domestic industry, he said.

Mr. Ramesh referred to the India-U.S. joint statement issued on February 6, in which the U.S. had proposed reduction of tariffs on Indian exports while India was expected to substantially lower tariffs on American agricultural and industrial products and increase purchases from the U.S.

He said that the understanding had been undermined by a subsequent ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court which found President Trump's reciprocal tariff policy to be illegal.

Mr. Ramesh stated that the tariff concessions promised by the U.S. effectively became uncertain after the court ruling, and Washington later imposed a temporary 10% tariff on imports from trading partners, including India.

Stating that India was among the countries being investigated by the U.S. for alleged unfair trade practices, Mr. Ramesh alleged that Washington was using the probe to pressure New Delhi into formalising the proposed agreement.

"Such an agreement is not a deal but a steal by the U.S.," he said. "There is absolutely no need for India to be bamboozled into signing any trade agreement which, as it stands now, is heavily against India's interests," he said.

SIT submits initial report in Ram Temple donation case

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LUCKNOW

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged irregularities in donations at the Ayodhya Ram Temple submitted its preliminary report to the Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday.

Vijay Vishwas Pant, Commissioner of the Lucknow Division and a key member of the SIT, along with the other two members of the team, submitted the preliminary report to Sanjay Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary (Home).

The State government had constituted the SIT at the request of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust amid allegations of corruption and missing donation. The SIT is examining all aspects related to the matter and is carrying out a comprehensive investigation.

The Congress demanded the report to be made public and pushed for a White Paper on the issue with all records and bank statements.

Congress seeks high-level probe into 'Ujjain land scam' by family of M.P. CM

Mehul Malpani
BHOPAL

The Congress on Tuesday demanded a high-level investigation by a committee led by a Supreme Court judge into the alleged land scam by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's family members after a report claimed that they purchased property where infrastructure projects were later announced.

A report by an English daily has claimed, citing government land records, that Mr. Yadav's wife, son, and daughter-in-law, as well as members of his extended family, had purchased 168 acres of land through 137 plots in and around Ujjain from December 2023, when he replaced Shivraj Singh Chouhan as the Chief Minister, to December 2025.

The purchases were either made by them directly or through four real estate companies owned by them. The report claimed that most of these purchases were made in areas where government road projects or the Ujjain Master Plan, 2035 proposes turning agricultural land into residential or commercial properties.

Umang Singhar

'Planned manner'

Addressing a press conference here, the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Umang Singhar, said the land prices were increased in a "well planned manner" by bringing projects there, and land was purchased in those areas before announcing the projects.

"Certainly, the Chief Minister will say that 'everything happened as per rules and law, and that we file the income tax'. But our demand is that a Supreme Court judge should investigate this by forming a committee," Mr. Singhar said, adding that the probe would reveal the people linked to the matter and who got benefited.

"We know that the Chief Minister will not get this probed by an SIT or give answers. This is why we are demanding a probe by a Supreme Court judge-led committee," he said.

Congress national general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP asking why Central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate or the CBI had not probed Mr. Yadav yet.

"Is a 253-acre mega land scam not grounds enough to chase him and punish him for his crimes?" he said, targeting the ruling party over alleged misuse of Central agencies.

Govt. asks Dipke to be present for ban hearing

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has asked Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke to be physically present for a hearing on the Centre's blocking of the CJP account on X, a CJP source told *The Hindu*.

The summoning comes even as Mr. Dipke has refused to leave Jantar Mantar, where he has been leading a protest calling for Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation since Saturday.

Mr. Dipke has been called to be present at Electronics Niketan, the MeitY headquarters, on Wednesday afternoon.

The CJP source termed this a "fresh escalation", referring to the Delhi Police's actions in clearing out the designated protest site near Jantar Mantar. Mr. Dipke has complained of long interruptions to water and food access to the site, as well as disruptions to running water at the wash rooms.

The hearing is set to take place before an Inter-Ministerial Committee, and is pursuant to an administrative appeal the CJP founder filed against the blocking.

Mamata loyalists, rebels submit list of new office-bearers to poll body

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Amid the ongoing rebellion in the party, the Trinamool Congress led by party chairperson and former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has sent a fresh list of its office-bearers and national working committee members to the Election Commission. The rebel faction of Trinamool, which had appointed a new party chairperson on Monday, also submitted their list of office-bearers to the EC through the office of West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer on Tuesday.

According to the list of office-bearers submitted on Monday by Mamata loyalists, she remains the chairperson of the party while Subrata Bakshi is the vice-president and Abhishek Banerjee the national general secretary and the party's leader in the Lok Sabha. The list also names Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen as joint secretaries and Subhasish Chakraborty as treasurer. The national working committee includes Ms. Banerjee, Mr. Bakshi, Mr. Banerjee, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Sen, and Mr. Chakraborty. Chandrima Bhattacharya has been listed as a member of the national working committee and as West Bengal Trinamool president, while Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay has been listed as a member and leader of the Legislature Party.

Trinamool Congress leaders Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee at a press conference. FILE PHOTO

A special session

The development comes a day after the rebel faction led by Ritabrata Banerjee held a special session in Kolkata and announced a parallel organisational structure. Former Minister Aroop Roy was appointed the new chairperson of the party and MLAs from the Trinamool rebel camp – Mr. Ritabrata Banerjee, Sandipan Saha, and Jawed Khan – were named general secretaries.

Mr. Ritabrata Banerjee said following the national working committee meeting where the party chairperson was elected, it was necessary to inform the EC.

"The Election Commission must be apprised whenever such events take place. It was a routine process; we had already apprised them in Delhi, and today we came here to do the same," the Leader of the Opposition said.

Sources close to the Mamata camp said the party had issued showcause notice to the leaders of the rebel camp who have been appointed office-bearers.

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INBRIEF

After a delay of 13 days, monsoon arrives in Mumbai

The southwest monsoon finally hit Mumbai on Tuesday, 13 days after its normal onset date. "The southwest monsoon has further advanced into remaining parts of central Arabian Sea, some more parts of Maharashtra including Mumbai, remaining parts of Telangana and Odisha, some more parts of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar," the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a release. The normal onset date of the monsoon in Mumbai is June 10. Notably, in 2023 the monsoon had arrived even later, on June 25, according to data. The IMD has forecast thunderstorms and rainfall in Konkan, Madhya Maharashtra, and Marathwada until June 26.

AAP MLA gets 7 years in jail for assault on forest officials

A sessions court on Tuesday sentenced Aam Aadmi Party MLA and tribal leader Chaitar Vasava, his wife, and seven others to seven years of imprisonment in connection with a 2023 case involving assault on forest officials and extortion. Additional Sessions Judge A.V. Hirpara convicted the accused for their role in an incident in Gujarat's Dediapada town on October 30, 2023. Forest officials had removed crops cultivated illegally on government land, triggering a dispute, according to the prosecution. The officials were later called to Chaitar's residence, where a heated altercation ensued.

CUET-UG results out: one student tops in 4 subjects

Over 3,200 candidates secured 100 percentile in at least one subject, says NTA; registrations rise by 15% and number of female candidates up by 20%; results declared within 16 days of the exam

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday declared the results of the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG), which was conducted from May 11 to 31, and on June 6 and 7. The test was held across 321 cities, including 13 centres outside India.

One candidate secured a 100 percentile score in four out of five opted subjects, while 22 candidates scored 100 percentile in three subjects, 180 scored 100 percentile in two subjects, and 3,214 scored 100 percentile in one subject, the NTA said in a statement.

The test was conducted in computer-based mode, and candidates were allowed to choose up to five subjects, depending on the subject-specific requirements of their preferred colleges or universities.

A total of 15,68,867 candidates registered for the test, of whom 11,64,098 appeared. Of the 7,74,607 registered female candidates, 5,85,596 appeared for the examination, while 5,78,500 of the 7,94,257 registered male candidates appeared.

The examination was held across 321 cities, including 13 centres outside India. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Subject experts

The NTA noted that there was an increase of over 15% in the total number of registered candidates and approximately 20% in the number of female candidates.

Of the three registered third-gender candidates, two appeared for the examination. Meanwhile, 3,894 of the 5,033 candidates with benchmark disabilities or disabilities appeared for the test.

Across social categories, 67,859 economically weaker section, 4,98,652 general, 4,01,471 Other Backward Class, 1,28,871 Scheduled Caste, and 67,245 Scheduled Tribe candidates appeared for the examination. A majority of the candidates appeared in the English medium, followed by Hindi, the NTA said.

The NTA said the results would be shared with the universities and advised candidates to remain in touch with their respective universities and institutions for further details.

It added that the results had been prepared on the basis of the final answer keys vetted by subject experts.

Technical difficulties

"The result declaration timeline is substantially streamlined, enabling the declaration of results within 16 days of the examination's completion, representing a reduction of 14 days compared to the previous cycle," the NTA said.

The NTA said on X, "Students can access their scorecard by logging in through the official CUET website using their credentials."

This year, technical difficulties at some centres led to a re-test on June 6 and 7. Since 2022, the entrance examination has been mandatory for admission to undergraduate programmes in Central universities and is also used by some State and private universities, replacing the earlier system of relying on board examination marks or universities conducting their own entrance tests.

Iran-U.S. pact has helped in energy, fertilizer flow: govt.

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Randhir Jaiswal

The signing of a 14-point memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Iran and the United States on June 17 has had a positive impact on the flow of energy and fertilizers to India, the External Affairs Ministry said on Tuesday.

At a press briefing here, Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said there had been two-way traffic of India-specific vessels through the Strait of Hormuz at least since June 17, while officials indicate that a permanent pause in hostilities is essential to normalise maritime traffic through the waterway that faced Iran- and U.S.-imposed chokehold for nearly three-and-a-half months.

'Positive situation'

"Since the signing of the MoU on June 17, 11 India-bound vessels have transited through the Strait of Hormuz. The vessels include three Indian-flagged crude oil tankers, each carrying over 2,85,000 MT [metric tonnes] crude oil; one foreign-flagged LPG carrier, one foreign-flagged crude oil tanker and six foreign-flagged bulk carriers, carrying fertilizer cargo," said Mr. Jaiswal, indicating that the shipping situation has been positive in the past few days.

"As of today, we have 10 Indian-flagged vessels which are still in the Persian Gulf region. In addition, two have recently arrived there," said Mr. Jaiswal, further indicating that the 10 ships that remain in the Gulf are part of the international collection of vessels that are stuck in the Persian Gulf since the war erupted between U.S.-Israel and Iran.

"We hope that the remaining Indian-flagged vessels would also be able to cross the Hormuz soon," added Mr. Jaiswal, explaining that the arrival of vessels indicated that the maritime flow had been helped by the MoU.

India's experience in diabetes care could guide other countries: expert

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

With four decades of diabetes work under its belt, India now has the ability to show other low- and middle-income countries how integrated, low-cost, and tech-enabled solutions can be deployed on the ground to launch effective interventions, according to an article by Chennai-based diabetologist V. Mohan, published in the leading journal *Diabetologia* on June 23.

Striking out for indigenous innovations over a copy-paste model from high income countries, he makes the case for local solutions, integrated diabetes care, and looking at the whole heterogeneity of diabetes.

Dr. Mohan begins with the idea that diabetes in South Asia is not the same as elsewhere. People in this region, he says, develop diabetes at a lower Body Mass Index (BMI), with more visceral fat and greater insulin resistance, indicating the need for region-specific screening and treatment strategies. An important component of these strategies are lifestyle, diet, and environmental factor, particularly the intake of highly refined carbohydrates and low levels of physical activity among the population.

The article advocates local solutions and integrated diabetes care.

The "total diabetes care" model developed at his centre, the Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre in Chennai, is no longer about just testing blood sugar, but looking at the total impact that diabetes has on the human body, and the range of metabolic disorders. There are lessons in this, Dr. Mohan argues, showing that an integrated approach to screening, treatment, education, lab work, eye, kidney, foot, and nutrition services has made care delivery more efficient. This reduces fragmentation of treatment and delays in delivering care.

One of the programme's most valuable interventions for the region is the effort to overcome specialist shortages, by training physicians, diabetes educators, and technicians, using task shifting to make sure the care is extended beyond the tertiary or secondary care settings.

Tech interventions

In the article, Dr. Mohan also recommends the deployment of technology to enable continuity of care, listing an electronic medical record platform, an AI chatbot, a patient app for appointments and results, telemedicine, particularly for ophthalmology, and a physician decision-support tool for classifying diabetes subtypes.

He explains that diabetes care is now moving away from a one-size-fits-all paradigm to a personalised approach based on precision medicine, appreciating that not all individuals with diabetes (or even with the same type of diabetes) are alike, and that they may vary in clinical characteristics, risk of complications and response to different treatments.

Ban on Telegram stretched meaning of 'information' under the IT Act

NEWS ANALYSIS

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union government temporarily blocked Telegram to protect the sanctity of the NEET (UG) re-test by a single interpretative sleight of hand which compressed an entire intermediary platform into an expression: "information".

The ban won the endorsement of the Delhi High Court by stretching the meaning of "information" under the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000.

Section 2(1)(v) of the Act had traditionally defined "information" in diminutive units, including data, messages, text, image, sound, voice, codes, computer programme, software, and databases. The Telegram ban changed that legal interpretation.

The government argued that an online platform like Telegram was an "aggregation" or "compilation" of these units. By reading entire platforms run by companies, which were legal entities by their own nature, within the ambit of 'information' under the Act, the government has effectively weaponised the content-blocking provision of Section 69A.

Section 69A of the IT Act gives the government power to issue directions to block public access to any 'information' through a computer resource. Here, the interpretation of the Centre has led to the successful replacement of the word 'information' with an 'entire intermediary platform'.

The High Court, in its June 19 order, endorsed the Centre's view that the "blocking power under Section 69A of the IT Act extends beyond individual pieces of content and, having regard to its wide legislative scope, encompasses the software architecture, codebase, databases, and programmatic ecosystem constituting an application".

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Telegram had not accepted the "expansive" interpretation of the term "information" while noting that the government, acting through Section 69A, could only block access to "specific information".

Such a sweeping ban had disproportionately affected the very section it deemed to protect. Many of the 150 million Telegram users were students and educators who used the platform to share study material and educational resources for NEET preparation.

The platform's arguments are backed by the Supreme Court's judgment in the *Anuradha Bhasin* case on digital freedoms, holding that restrictions on fundamental rights must be proportionate and only the least restrictive measure must be employed.

Access to app restored

Access to Telegram resumed on Tuesday after a week-long blocking order expired. The platform had approached the Delhi High Court seeking a stay on the order, but the court held that the blocking direction was proportionate.

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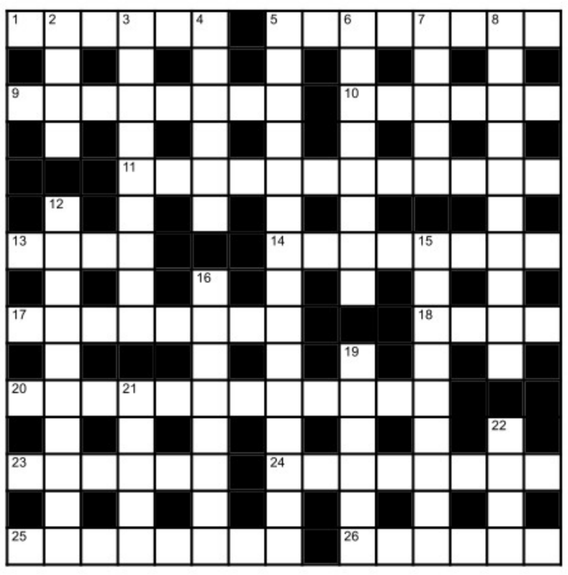

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11 Perjury of leader being laid out in public? (5,2,5)
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17 Fear of extremely unusual strains in water-clover, for example (4-4)
18 Harry lying about stealing Avtaar's earnings (4)
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23 Regressive characters facing extremely violent sexual attachment change over time (6)
24 Earlier introduction of tax ruined neighbourhood shop (8)
25 Judge, say, with a vacuous look clumsily crosses in a carefree manner (8)
26 Where you find environs for Pranayama, invoking a deity (6)

Down

2 Mostly unpleasant taste of imported fruit (4)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The ultimate authority

To attain moksha we must adhere to dharma, said Paravastu Varadarajan in a discourse. But what is dharma? What is adharma? Suppose two boys in a family are always quarrelling with each other. Their mother warns them that if they do not stop fighting, she will not give them a sweet she has made. If they still continue to fight, she will withhold the sweet. If she doesn't discipline them, there will be no peace in the family. A family has its rules, one of which is that everyone must be on friendly terms with each other. Likewise, a school has its rules. So everywhere there are rules, and not all of them are the same. A student has to wear a uniform when he goes to school, but he does not have to at other times. Two men fighting with each other in a family is wrong. But men fighting in an army against an enemy are respected. Dharma, or what is right keeps changing depending on the situation. So how do we know what dharma is?

Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita that Sastras are the pramana. The rules laid down by them must be followed. "*Tasmaat sastram pramaanam*," says Krishna to Arjuna. The scriptures are the authority that help us know what we should do (*kaarya*) and what we should not do (*akaarya*). If the Sastras ask us to do something, that is dharma. If they forbid us from doing something, that which is forbidden is adharma. But what are Sastras? Although there is a lot of sacred literature, Vedas are the ultimate authority. It is said *shaasanaath sastram*. *Shaasana* means command. The Vedas command us to do certain things and to avoid certain things. The Vedas are the Sastra that we should follow.

INBRIEF

Adani opens Mundra airport for flights to four cities

Adani Group has thrown open its captive airport at Mundra for scheduled commercial flight operations to four destinations which are being operated under the Regional Connectivity Scheme. Star Air owned by Kolhapur-based Sanjay Ghodawat Group started operating flights from the Mundra airport from Tuesday.
The four destinations, which are now available for regular air connectivity with Mundra include Mumbai, Goa, Surat, and Hindon (Delhi NCR).

'56 critical, strategic mineral blocks auctioned till date'

The Union Mines Ministry informed on Tuesday that it had auctioned 10 critical and strategic mineral blocks associated with the seventh tranche of auctions, implying that 56 of 88 mineral blocks had been cumulatively auctioned across all tranches till date. The seventh tranche, which commenced March 23 this year, offered 19 mineral blocks. The Ministry also informed it had completed the second tranche of exploration licence auctions.

Square Yards turns Unicorn with ₹900 crore funding

Real estate consultant Square Yards on Tuesday said it has raised ₹900 crore from investors to grow its business and refinance debt. Sources said the ₹900 crore ($95 million) funding includes around one-third equity and two-thirds debt, at a valuation of more than $1 billion, thereby helping the company achieve unicorn status. The company has also announced plans to launch its maiden public issue. PTI

El Nino: 111 districts in 12 States of 'primary concern'

While 315 districts have been identified as potentially affected by weak monsoon, 111 among them, with irrigation coverage below 25%, have been categorised as high priority, says Chouhan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Parched pastures: Rainfall is likely to remain weak even during the week ending July 2 and this could directly affect Kharif crops. PTI

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has held a high level meeting with State Agriculture Ministers and officials on the El Nino situation, that has led to a delay of the south-west monsoon. Talking to reporters after the meeting, Mr. Chouhan said the rainfall so far has been around 43% below normal.

The Centre has assessed that 315 districts are vulnerable and 111 districts in 12 States are of primary concern due to poor irrigation facilities. "We are preparing in advance. Not waiting for a crisis," the Minister said, adding that each of the 315 districts would have a contingency plan to face the challenge.

Agriculture Ministers of States, senior officials, District Collectors of vulnerable regions, experts from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and officials of the Union Agriculture Ministry and the Indian Meteorological Department attended the meeting. Citing IMD forecasts, he said rainfall was likely to remain weak even during the week ending July 2. "This could directly affect Kharif crops, particularly in rain-fed regions where agriculture is heavily dependent on monsoon rains," he said.

"Around 315 districts have been identified as potentially affected by weak monsoon conditions. Of these, 111 districts [20 of these districts are in Maharasthra] have been categorised as high priority, where irrigation coverage is below 25%. Another 76 districts fall under the medium-priority category with irrigation coverage between 25 and 50%, while 128 districts have been classified as low priority owing to relatively better irrigation facilities through dams and other sources," the Minister told reporters.

The districts are located across M.P., Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, A.P. and Odisha. "Detailed discussions were held with Agriculture Ministers and District Collectors of these states," he said, adding that the District Agriculture Contingency Plans, prepared by the ICAR, incorporated district-specific climatic conditions, cropping patterns, and water resources and prescribed measures such as suitable alternative crops under low rainfall conditions, crop diversification strategies, optimum use of available water resources and additional income opportunities to mitigate risks.

"Water conservation and harvesting works under MGNREGA and forthcoming rural development programmes such as VB-GRAMG should receive priority so that employment generation and enhancement of water storage capacity can go hand in hand," he said.

'Infosys set to tap into $400-bn worth AI opportunity by 2030'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nandan Nilekani

As the industry is going through a major technology transition, Infosys is collaborating with 90% of its top 200 clients on their AI journey, which positioned the tech major well to tap into an AI-first services opportunity of $300-400 billion by 2030, said Chairman Nandan Nilekani.

He was addressing shareholders during the company's 45th AGM here on Tuesday. "The AI deployment gap in our large enterprise clients is real, and closing that gap is where the work is. AI will not replace companies like ours. It will amplify those who move with purpose and adapt with speed," Mr. Nilekani said adding that more than three years after GenAI's launch, Infosys remained more relevant than ever and was well-positioned for the decade ahead.

"The defining opportunity lies in integrating intelligent AI systems with mission-critical enterprise platforms. The greatest value will come from combining the world of models and agents with traditional transaction systems that continue to underpin enterprise operations. That convergence is where the next wave of opportunities would emerge," he said.

Mr. Nilekani further said that the AI era required fresh learning and new 'mental models' and the company was systematically building talent for the new era.

Infosys recruited more than 20,000 college graduates during FY2026 and ended with a workforce of over 3,25,000 employees, Mr. Nilekani added.

Highlighting the company's performance, he said fiscal 2026 had been a year of disciplined execution and resilience for Infosys, even as the external environment continued to evolve.

The company delivered $20.2 billion in revenue, growing 3.1% in constant currency, while maintaining a strong adjusted operating margin of 21% and generated $3.7 billion free cash which is 112.6% of net profit. This was the second consecutive year the company had generated free cash flows of more than 100% of net profit, he said.

"Large deal TCV for fiscal 2026 was at $14.9 billion, with 55% being net new. This reflects the strong trust our clients have in us and relevance of our strategy, and provides a robust foundation to build on in the months ahead," he explained.

Global tech sell-off upsets Indian bourse

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Benchmark Nifty50 declined 1.16% from its previous session, closing at 23,824.1 points, as global investors were spooked by the South Korean market regulator's statement on investing in products with AI-driven stocks.

More than 2,000 of the nearly 3,399 stocks declined. All but three sectoral indices, including healthcare and pharma, declined, suggesting a broad-based dip. On Monday, South Korea's Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) Governor Lee Chan-jin criticised the approval of single-stock leveraged ETFs. He opined the ETF product may be good only for brokerages. The hype in the fundamentals of the AI rally led to profit booking, with KOSPI, the South Korean Stock Exchange, plunging 10% in one session. This led to a global sell-off of technology stocks with the panic spilling over into India as well.

RBI tweaks process to onboard MSMEs on TReDS platform

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued its final directions on Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) for MSMEs to simplify the system.

The banking regulator fixed a minimum net worth of ₹25 crore and certification by a statutory auditor to provide discounting services. Entities providing the service have been given a deadline of March 31, 2028 to comply with networth norm.

TReDS is an online platform which aids small businesses auction invoices or trade receivables to banks and other financial institutions to unlock working capital. The move seeks to aid MSMEs receive customer payments as they might face issues in converting trade receivables to cash.

IRDAI mulls panel to manage ₹800-cr. PEPF

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

IRDAI plans to set up a management panel to oversee the administration of the ₹800 crore Policyholders' Education and Protection Fund (PEPF).

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India said PEPF will be on the lines of such mechanisms for depositors and investors set up by financial sector regulators.

SEBI mulls common advertisement code for stakeholders

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposed to bring in a common advertisement code for entities it regulates, according to a consultation paper. The markets watchdog seeks to simplify regulation of advertisements and reduce compliance costs for small entities.

The regulator proposed to allow celebrity endorsements for brands or entities subject to certain prescribed conditions and appropriate disclaimers.

Further, SEBI proposes to shift from prior approval for advertisements to post-issuance reporting model.

The proposals once adopted will be implemented by amending SEBI (Intermediaries Regulations), 2008. Comments can be made till July 14.

Aurobindo Pharma gets U.S. FTC nod to buy Lannett Company

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has approved Aurobindo Pharma's proposed acquisition of Pennsylvania-based generic pharmaceutical firm Lannett Company.

Valued at $250 million on a cash-free, debt-free basis and inclusive of normalised working capital, the transaction is expected to close before June, Aurobindo Pharma said adding subsidiary, Aurobindo Pharma USA received the FTC approval.

Lannett specialises in the development and commercialisation of a diversified portfolio of complex, non-opioid controlled substances. The acquisition would significantly expand Aurobindo USA's product offering while adding a U.S.-based manufacturing facility to its network.

FTC terms

Separately, the FTC said Aurobindo had to divest four generic pharmaceutical products to Quagen Pharmaceuticals, a generic drugmaker. The move is to protect American patients from higher drug costs.

The order follows a complaint stating without the divestitures, the acquisition would increase the likelihood of Aurobindo unilaterally exercising market power in these four drug markets while the remaining competitors could engage in coordinated interaction, potentially raising the cost of generic drugs.

India needs to boost speed of doing business: CII chief

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

R. Mukundan

India's reforms process needs to move from solely concentrating on ease-of-doing business to addressing the speed of doing business, new president of the Confederation of Indian Industry R. Mukundan told *The Hindu* in an interview.

Further, at a time when government officials such as the Chief Economic Adviser had pulled up the private sector for not investing enough, Mr. Mukundan argued that such investments were in fact increasing and would become apparent soon.

"We need to reform even more," said Mr. Mukundan, also MD and CEO of Tata Chemicals.

Mr. Mukundan added there are always some 'friction points' that delay processes and these need to be addressed.

He also said he did not see a reason why India should have lower agricultural exports than The Netherlands, which is the world's second-largest agricultural exporter now.

Resilient MSMEs

He further said the West Asia crisis and the energy constraints it had created had taught Indian businesses to ensure India's MSMEs continue to thrive.

Yet another area that needs further reforms is in infrastructure, he added.

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Israel should 'break free' of U.S. military aid, says PM Netanyahu

REUTERS

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called again for his country to increase its military autonomy and reduce its reliance on support from the U.S., according to a statement released on Tuesday by his office. Since 1948, Israel has received more than $300 billion, adjusted for inflation, in U.S. aid. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pezeshkian lands in Pakistan as U.S.-Iran teams work to finalise deal

REUTERS

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian met on Tuesday with Pakistani officials mediating talks on a permanent end to its war with the U.S., as discrepancies emerged on what had been agreed upon so far and violence broke out again in Lebanon. This visit is followed by high-level negotiations in Switzerland. AP

KYIV

Zelenskyy to skip key Ukraine conference in Poland over row

AFP

President Volodymyr Zelensky will skip this year's Ukraine Recovery Conference hosted in Poland, Kyiv announced on Tuesday, amid a spiralling diplomatic spat between the allies and neighbours over the Second World War memory. The annual event is aimed at discussing the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine. AFP

KYIV

Russian strikes kill nine in Ukraine, including six near the frontline

REUTERS

Russian strikes killed nine persons across Ukraine on Tuesday, including six in the central Dnipropetrovsk region that borders the frontline, local authorities said. Moscow and Kyiv have intensified attacks in recent weeks, as U.S.-led talks on ending Europe's deadliest conflict since the Second World War remain frozen. AFP

'Israel's targeting of children key part of Gaza genocide'

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

Bleak future: Children watch as smoke billows near the Nuseirat camp for Palestinian refugees in the central Gaza Strip. AFP

Israel is deliberately targeting Palestinian children in what has become a key factor in an ongoing "genocide" in Gaza, United Nations investigators charged on Tuesday, in a report slammed by Israel.

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry said it had found evidence that "Palestinian children have been deliberately targeted and killed by Israeli security forces".

This, it said, was a key factor in establishing "the genocidal intent of the Israeli authorities and security forces to destroy the larger Palestinian group in Gaza".

The three-member investigative team, which does not speak for the UN itself, first determined in a report last September that Israel had committed "genocide" in the war in Gaza – a finding Israel flatly rejected.

In Tuesday's follow-up report, they said the intense scale and systematic nature of Israeli military operations had continued, resulting in the "unprecedented" death, injury and trauma of Palestinian children.

There were "reasonable grounds" to conclude that Israel's authorities and security forces "have continued to commit the crime of genocide" in Gaza, they said.

Israel slammed the report as "defamatory".

Tehran says it won't permit IAEA inspectors at bombed nuclear sites

U.S. President Trump and Vice-President Vance have said Iran would allow nuclear inspections of its sites 'long into the future'; Mohammad Ghalibaf says the Strait of Hormuz 'will never return' to the days of free passage before the conflict

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Destroyed buildings at Isfahan Nuclear Technology Centre after it was hit by U.S. air strikes, in Isfahan, Iran, on June 22, 2025. REUTERS

Iran said on Tuesday the UN's nuclear watchdog will not be able to inspect key nuclear sites bombed by the U.S. and Israel last year, as the first round of talks to end the war wrapped up in Switzerland.

Tehran and Washington have signed a memorandum of understanding to end a war that sowed chaos across West Asia and rattled the global economy, embarking on a 60-day period to settle broader issues. Diplomacy on that final deal ramped up on Tuesday, with Iran's leader heading to mediator Pakistan, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio setting off on a tour of Gulf allies, and Lebanon and Israel due for direct talks in Washington.

But Iran denied the claim of U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance that Tehran had agreed to invite International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors back, after Iran blocked them from nuclear sites struck by its arch foes in a 12-day war last year.

"We have not had a meeting with the director general of the IAEA, nor do we have any plans for the agency to inspect Iran's nuclear facilities damaged by the U.S. and Zionist military aggression," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baqaei told a press briefing.

But U.S. President Donald Trump later said Iran had signed off on comprehensive nuclear inspections.

"Iran has fully and completely agreed to highest level Nuclear inspections long into the future," he posted on social media.

When the U.S. joined Israel's war with Iran in mid-2025, it bombed nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan.

Iran's UN ambassador Ali Bahreini also told pressmen on Tuesday "there hasn't been such a decision" to accept IAEA inspectors.

It came as Tehran's top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said the strategic Strait of Hormuz "will never return" to the days of free passage before the war, despite both sides agreeing to set up communication lines to keep it open.

Activists of Awami League held during anniversary marches

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Dozens of activists of deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's now-disbanded Awami League party were arrested overnight as they staged sporadic street marches to mark the party's 77th founding anniversary in defiance of a nationwide security ban, authorities said on Tuesday.

Founded on June 23, 1949, when present-day Bangladesh was East Pakistan, the Awami League is the country's oldest political party and led the nation's 1971 Liberation War.

Through its social media platforms, the Awami League urged supporters to hold digital discussions, hoist party flags, organise processions and conduct poster campaigns to mark the anniversary.

A police headquarters spokesperson said 26 activists of the "banned party" were arrested in Dhaka alone, while several others were detained in other places in the country for staging processions or attempting to defy the ban amid heightened security.

"We have foiled their plan so far, and I hope that within the remaining time, they will not be able to bring out a procession, or gather anywhere."

Starmer vows transition of power 'as easy as possible'

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Keir Starmer

Outgoing U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer pledged on Tuesday to make the transition of power "as easy as possible", as two Labour lawmakers considered whether to challenge frontrunner Andy Burnham amid concern about a coronation.

Mr. Starmer, who announced on Monday he was stepping down after losing the support of his own MPs, has authorised so-called access talks with prospective successors to begin "as soon as possible," Downing Street said.

The PM, in office for almost two years, told his senior ministerial team during their weekly meeting that he wanted an "orderly" handover and whoever replaces him "to succeed".

Likely contenders

Labour veteran Burnham, 56, is the overwhelming favourite to replace Mr. Starmer, despite only becoming eligible for the top job after winning a parliamentary by-election last Thursday.

Former Armed Forces Minister Al Carns told an event on Tuesday that he wanted to hear Mr. Burnham's "vision" for the country before deciding whether or not to stand.

"We'll see where we go from there," he added.

U.K. media reported that Government Minister Darren Jones was being encouraged to run by some MPs.

A person close to Mr. Jones said that he was keeping his options open until Mr. Burnham lays out more detailed plans for government, particularly on the economy, but that he considered a run "very unlikely".

Hungary passes anti-graft measures

Agence France-Presse
BUDAPEST

Hungarian lawmakers on Tuesday approved anti-corruption measures, part of new Prime Minister Peter Magyar's sweeping reform drive and aimed at helping the country get billions of euros in withheld European Union funds.

The EU announced late last month it would unlock more than 16 billion euros for Hungary that had been frozen over rule-of-law concerns during nationalist Viktor Orban's rule, if Budapest stays on track with a major reform push.

The legislation passed with 142 votes for, 39 against and 3 abstentions.

Sri Lanka decides to appoint military-led dengue monitoring unit amid surge in cases across island

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka has decided to appoint a military-led team to monitor the sudden surge in dengue cases across the island, even as hospitals report overcrowding and mounting pressure on the public health system.

According to a statement from the President's office, the decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Minister of Health and Mass Media, Dr. Nalinda Jayatissa, at the Presidential Secretariat on Monday. The monitoring unit will strengthen legal enforcement measures and further reinforce dengue prevention activities through the "Community Empowerment and Public Safety Committees" established at the local level, the statement said.

As of June 20, the island's health authorities have reported a total of 46,037 cases, with nearly 10,000 of those reported from the capital, Colombo. As many as 28 dengue deaths have so far been reported this year. The monitoring unit, "under the leadership of the Tri-Forces", will strengthen legal enforcement measures and further reinforce dengue prevention activities, the statement said.

Last week, Sri Lanka's Health Ministry said hospitals had exceeded their capacity due to a rapid spike in dengue patients being reported. According to media reports, Mr. Jayatissa warned that the island's hospital system could come under severe strain if dengue cases continued to rise.

Dengue mosquito larvae inside a pipette tube after being collected during an inspection of houses in Colombo, Sri Lanka. REUTERS

Sri Lanka is widely credited with one of the best public health systems in the region. The country was certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2016, and the last indigenous malaria cases were reported over a decade ago, in 2012. However, the island grapples with chikungunya, which had experienced a large outbreak in 2025, and dengue outbreaks from time to time, especially around its monsoon seasons.

Sri Lanka witnessed a massive dengue outbreak in 2017 with a total of 1,86,101 cases, the largest outbreak so far, and 440 dengue-related deaths were reported. The years 2019 and 2023, too, saw outbreaks, prompting authorities to launch a 'National Strategic Plan' for the prevention and control of dengue.

The number of dengue patients increases during the second and fourth quarters of each year, coinciding with the monsoon rains. "Large-scale outbreaks of dengue have occurred every three to four years with high intensity," a 2024 report pointed out.

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VIKING MARCH

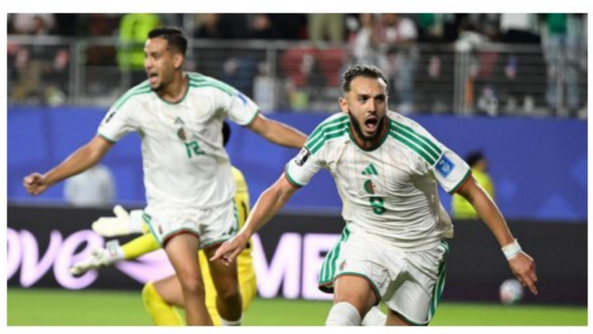
Haaland on the double again as Norway enters the round of 32

GETTY IMAGES

Erling Haaland scored his second World Cup brace in a row as Norway beat Senegal 3-2 in East Rutherford on Monday to punch its ticket to the last 32. Norway substitute Marcus Holmgren Pedersen struck late in the first half before Haaland doubled the lead shortly after the break.

COMEBACK WIN

Algeria finds the target twice off corner-kicks to edge Jordan



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Algeria scored off two corner-kicks in the second half to defeat Jordan 2-1 on Monday to bolster its chances of entering the knockouts of the World Cup. Substitute Nadhir Benbouali headed in a corner-kick in the 69th minute and Amine Gouiri netted in the 82nd to give Algeria its first win at the showpiece since 2014.

REPORTING FOR DUTY

USA midfielder Pulisic returns to training after calf injury

REUTERS

Christian Pulisic returned to training with teammates on Monday after missing USA's most recent match of the World Cup with a calf injury. The team gave no formal update on the status of the AC Milan midfielder, who has been limited to one dynamic half of play in the unbeaten Americans' home World Cup.

EVER THE TEAM MAN

Beyond anything, I'm so happy for the win: record-breaker Messi

AP

There were moments when I was really angry about missing the penalty, but I was able to make up for it. Beyond anything I'm so happy for the win. It was huge and difficult. I'm enjoying this moment and craving to enjoy with my teammates — Argentina's Lionel Messi after becoming the highest goal-getter in World Cups.

Roaring back: Ronaldo silenced his detractors with two first-half strikes in Portugal's thumping win over the central Asian side. AFP

Ronaldo comes to the party as Portugal routs Uzbekistan

The 41-year-old becomes the first man to score in six editions of the quadrennial extravaganza; the 5-0 victory eases pressure on the European powerhouse while the debutant slumps to a second straight defeat in Group K

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
HOUSTON

For generations of Uzbek football fans, Cristiano Ronaldo was the dream. His shirts filled the bazaars of Tashkent and Samarkand, and his celebrations were copied in every playground. On Tuesday, those supporters finally had the chance to watch their own nation face the man. For many in the stands, it was a dream and a disappointment rolled into one.

Ronaldo found his scoring boots, but the goals came against the country that had long celebrated him from afar. He scored twice in a 5-0 victory for Portugal, which found the response it desperately needed through the man who remains, as ever, the central character in every team he plays for.

In the sixth minute, Ronaldo finally found the goal he had been searching for. Reacting quickest to a Joao Cancelo cutback, he darted ahead of his marker and bundled home the finish that put Portugal's World Cup campaign back on track.

The release of tension was impossible to miss from the stands. Relief and defiance flashed across the impassive face of the veteran as he sprinted towards the bench in celebration. Arms outstretched, he embraced teammates and staff, a response directed as much at his critics as the crowd.

Nuno Mendes doubled Portugal's advantage soon after, whipping in a free-kick through a gap in the Uzbek barrier. It was a goal that would have left Uzbek coach Fabio Cannavaro, the last defender to win the Ballon d'Or, unimpressed with the composition of his defensive wall.

Uzbekistan briefly believed it had found a way back. In the 29th minute, Aziz Ganiev unleashed a stunning strike from outside the box to beat an outstretched Diogo Costa. But a VAR review ruled it out after officials had spotted a foul on Cancelo in the build-up.

Ronaldo struck again in the 39th minute, the move beginning with a trademark Bruno Fernandes surge. Spotting his captain's run, the Manchester United midfielder rolled a precise through ball into space and Ronaldo, staying a whisker onside, calmly tucked his finish beyond Abduvohid Nematov.

Portugal's fourth arrived on the hour mark when Fernandes' corner caused chaos in the six-yard box. Ronaldo's near-post flick brushed Abdukodir Khusanov and spun beyond Nematov for an own goal causing further misery to Uzbekistan. A one-touch finish from Rafael Leao, three minutes from time, added to the scoreline.

The Uzbek faithful had finally met their hero, but the reunion brought more pain than joy.

Table and fixtures

As the teams head into their final group games, a look at how they are placed and who they meet

Group A	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Mexico (Q)	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
South Korea	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
Czechia	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1

Thursday's matches: *Czechia vs. Mexico and South Africa vs. South Korea, both 6.30 a.m. IST*

Group B	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Canada	2	1	1	0	7	1	6	4
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
Qatar	2	0	1	1	1	7	-6	1

Thursday's matches: *Switzerland vs. Canada and Bosnia & Herzegovina vs. Qatar, both 00.30 a.m. IST*

Group C	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
Brazil	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	4
Morocco	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Scotland	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
Haiti (E)	2	0	0	2	0	4	-4	0

Thursday's matches: *Scotland vs. Brazil and Morocco vs. Haiti, both 3.30 a.m. IST*

Q: Qualified E: Eliminated

* The top two from each group and the eight best third-placed sides will advance to the round of 32

Messi's 18 strikes... by the game, by the minute

The Argentine magician's goal-by-goal account as he moved to the top of the all-time chart in the World Cup

Edition	Opponent	Round	Time	Match result
2006	Serbia & Montenegro	Group stage	88th minute	Argentina won 6-0
2014	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Group stage	65	Won 2-1
2014	Iran	Group stage	90+1	Won 1-0
2014	Nigeria	Group stage	3 45+1	Won 3-2
2018	Nigeria	Group stage	14	Won 2-1
2022	Saudi Arabia	Group stage	10-pen	Lost 1-2
2022	Mexico	Group stage	64	Won 2-0
2022	Australia	Round of 16	35	Won 2-1
2022	The Netherlands	Quarterfinals	73-pen	Won on penalties
2022	Croatia	Semifinals	34-pen	Won 3-0
2022	France	Final	23-pen 108	Won on penalties
2026	Algeria	Group stage	17 60 76	Won 3-0
2026	Austria	Group stage	38 90+5	Won 2-0

"I've always said Messi is no slouch. For me, Leo is the best footballer of all time!"
MIROSLAV KLOSE

"Even the greats before him cannot match the complete body of work"
ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC

Mbappe dazzles in France's win

Agence France-Presse
PHILADELPHIA

Kylian Mbappe marked his 100th cap by scoring two more World Cup goals on Monday as France eased to a 3-0 win over Iraq in a game delayed by two hours by a severe storm.

The 2022 finalist is already certain of reaching the last 32 after notching up two wins from two games in Group I.

Mbappe opened the scoring in the 14th minute and added another nine minutes into the second half, with last year's Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele getting the other goal.

THE RESULTS

Group J: Jordan 1 (Al-Rashdan 36) lost to Algeria 2 (Benbouali 69, Gouiri 82).
Group I: France 3 (Mbappe 14, 54, Dembele 66) bt Iraq 0; Norway 3 (Holmgren Pedersen 43, Haaland 48, 58) bt Senegal 2 (I. Saar 53, 90+3).
Group K: Portugal 5 (Ronaldo 6, 39, Mendes 17, Nematov 60-og, Leao 87) bt Uzbekistan 0.

Mbappe moved to 16 World Cup goals in his career, two behind Lionel Messi who set a new record of 18 goals by netting twice for Argentina against Austria.

Mbappe is level on the all-time list of World Cup goals with Germany's Miroslav Klose.

Graham Arnold's side was dealt a blow as captain and striker Aymen Hussein had to come off with just 26 minutes gone. Iraq is staring at the prospect of an early exit.

India wins a thriller, extends domination over Pakistan

PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
LONDON

India defeated Pakistan 4-3 in a pulsating FIH Pro League match here on Tuesday, extending its decade-long unbeaten streak against the arch-rival in international hockey.

The victory lifted India to seventh in the standings and came in the first meeting between the two sides since the 2024 Asian Champions Trophy in China, where the Harmanpreet Singh-led side had prevailed 2-1.

Ahmad Nadeem gave Pakistan the lead in the eighth minute through a penalty corner before Abhishek (22nd) struck from a field effort to draw parity.

Nilakanta Sharma then gave India the lead converting a penalty corner in the 24th minute as the Harmanpreet Singh-led side went into the breather with a 2-1 lead.

Field day: Sukhjeet doubled India's lead. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India extended its lead in the 40th minute through a field goal from Sukhjeet Singh and then Rajinder Singh made it 4-1 from a penalty corner in the 52nd.

But Pakistan came back strongly in the final quarter, with Abu Mahmood (53rd) and Moin Shakeel (60th) scoring from penalty corners but it was not enough.

The result: India 4 (Abhishek 22, Nilakanta Sharma 24-pc, Sukhjeet Singh 40, Rajinder Singh 52-pc) bt Pakistan 3 (Ahmad Nadeem 8-pc, Abu Mahmood 53-pc, Moin Shakeel 60-pc).

India's middle-order needs to come good

T20 WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MANCHESTER

There are talks now here in England of a 1976 style summer. It was so hot, riverbeds and taps dried up.

There is a heatwave now, too, with warnings of extreme heat. All that didn't stop the Women in Blue from sweating out for hours at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

Smriti Mandhana played more of her pleasing shots, than the ungainly one that cost her – and India – dear against South Africa on the very ground on Sunday. The bowlers attempted to hit the stumps, and succeeded.

They should be able to do more in the upcoming matches, which India cannot afford to lose. After that disappointing defeat to the Proteas, Harmanpreet Kaur's women are not in an enviable position when it comes to clinching a place in the semifinals from the Group of Death.

Big concern: Jemimah has failed to get going so far. AFP

Australia, which has played some expectedly dominant cricket, is almost there. The South Africans, after scoring what was their fifth win in the last six T20Is against India, should be less nervous than India, as they have already played – and lost to – Australia and have lesser weights as opponents in the group stage. The Indians, on the other hand, will play Australia in the last league match.

But, before that, they have to think about the match against Bangladesh here on Thursday.

And there are areas of concern. Like the middle-order, for instance.

Smriti and Shafali Verma have given good starts. Even against South Africa, they were shaping up nicely, until Smriti played that forgettable shot against Marizanne Kapp.

Down the order, Richa Ghosh continues to be one of the most feared batters. She has handled the pressure of being the only finisher rather well.

But, the space between the openers and Richa is not a very happy one. The likes of Jemimah Rodrigues and the captain herself have to bat a bit deeper. Given the fact that this Indian side doesn't have as many quality all-rounders like Australia, the middle-order needs to do more.

When it comes to bowling, Shree Charani needs more support, especially after the unfortunate injury to Shreyanka Patil.

Today's match

England vs. West Indies

Lord's, 11 p.m. IST

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played: 32

England 22 | West Indies 10

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 & JIOHOTSTAR

Tuesday's scores:

Group B: Scotland 131/7 in 20 overs (Darcey Carter 72 n.o., Amelia Kerr 3/17, Sophie Devine 2/19) lost to New Zealand 132/4 in 18.2 overs (Izzy Sharp 62, Brooke Halliday 41 n.o., Kathryn Bryce 2/13, Rachel Slater 2/22).
Toss: New Zealand; **PoM:** Sharp.

Ireland 130/5 in 20 overs (Gaby Lewis 59) lost to Sri Lanka 134/1 in 15.3 overs (Chamari Athapaththu 106 n.o.).
Toss: Sri Lanka; **PoM:** Chamari.

INBRIEF

Sooryavanshi receives his first Team India jersey

Fifteen-year-old sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi received his first official Team India jersey on Tuesday. Sooryavanshi was named in India's T20I squad for the tours of Ireland and England, as well as the Asian Games, after topping the IPL 2026 run chart. The BCCI released a video of the blue jersey being delivered to him, calling it "the moment the nation has been waiting for". "Ever since I first held a bat and walked onto a cricket field to practice, I dreamed of this moment," Sooryavanshi said.

Shedge replaces Nitish in India's T20I squads

Suryansh Shedge has replaced Nitish Kumar in India's squads for the upcoming T20I series against Ireland and England. Nitish reported left quadriceps discomfort after the third ODI against Afghanistan on Saturday. Following a subsequent medical assessment, the BCCI medical team has recommended a period of rehabilitation, ruling him out of both series.

Tucker is Ireland captain ahead of T20Is against India

Lorcan Tucker was named the Ireland captain ahead of the two T20I matches against India, to be played on June 26 and 28. The side will also be without Paul Stirling, who stepped down as captain after this year's T20 World Cup.

The squad: Lorcan Tucker (Capt., wk), Ross Adair, Ben Calitz, Gareth Delany, George Dockrell, Stephen Doheny (wk), Matthew Humphreys, Gavin Hoey, Matthew Hollard, Liam McCarthy, Jai Moondra, Harry Tector, Tim Tector, and Reuben Wilson.

Aussie Patterson named Indian rowing team coach

The Rowing Federation of India has confirmed the appointment of Australian Antony Patterson as coach of the national team. The 60-year-old has coached national teams of Japan and Mexico apart from clubs in England and South Africa.

Bangalore Phantom FC routs Hampinagar FC

Bangalore Phantom FC crushed Hampinagar FC 6-0 in the BDFA C-division football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Other results: ECD bt Universal 2-0; Bentex FC drew with Bangalore Yellows FC 3-3.

LIVE TELECAST

FIFA World Cup: Unite8 Sports 1, 2 & Z5 App, 7.30 a.m. 12.30 & 3.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 11 p.m.

Commitment thy name is Tilak

After captaining the triumphant India-A side in the island nation, the 'Falcon' flies back to produce a memorable knock in TG20

CRICKET

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

Tilak Varma stood at the summit on Sunday, leading India to the tri-series title in Sri Lanka. By the end of the day, he was back in Hyderabad.

For most players, the next step after an international triumph would be rest, recovery and a moment for it to soak in. Tilak, however, chose differently. He was back on the field, this time for the maiden season of TG20, Telangana's domestic T20 league, to captain his franchise Medak Falcons.

Take a bow! Tilak's skill and will came to the fore as he led his team home in a big chase. NAGARA GOPAL

"Tilak came to meet the players at the team hotel on Sunday evening and returned the next morning to have one-on-one conversations with them. He told them to enjoy the occasion," T. Ravi Teja, Falcons' designated skipper, revealed to *The Hindu*.

A stacked calendar notwithstanding, Tilak prioritised motivating the squad and dangling perhaps the most irresistible carrot in the T20 universe – possible trials with IPL teams for standout performers.

Warangal Warriors smashed its way to 258 for seven, riding on Aman Rao's 48-ball 142.

With his bowlers stumped for answers, Tilak brought himself on and struck twice. Yet, his defining contribution was still to come.

Guiding his teammates

Faced with a towering target, Tilak, at No. 3, found himself in the middle in the second over. Through every partnership, however brief, Tilak remained in constant conversation with his inexperienced teammates. He pushed relentlessly for twos and threes, showing the urgency and intensity of a batter playing the most important knock of his career.

Tilak's half-century arrived off just 22 balls and 20 deliveries later, he raised his bat for a hundred. The emotions burst through, along with his signature celebration, after he struck the winning run.

His enthusiasm was so infectious that the top five batters maintained a strike rate of over 150. Tilak himself went at a rate of 225 (136 n.o., 56b, 14x4, 8x6).

There was no time for more celebrations as Tilak left immediately after the game to catch a flight to Mumbai. He will then travel to Ireland for the two-match T20I series later this week.

For a player rated highly for his skill and commitment, Monday's incredible effort was a reminder that leadership begins long before the toss and extends far beyond the scorecard.

Mystics notch up their maiden win

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Gulbarga Mystics notched up a maiden victory by outclassing Shivamogga Yodhas by 95 runs in the DACSS Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament in Mysuru on Tuesday.

Kranthi Kumar (31 and two for eight) did the star turn for Mystics, while Gautam Mishra (three fo 34) shone with the ball.

Put into bat, Mystics top-order batters Lochan Gowda (47, 21b, 6x4, 3x6), B.R. Sharath (24, 10b, 1x4, 3x6) and Prakhar Chaturvedi (45, 19b, 4x4, 4x6) set the early tempo with some aggressive strokes.

L.R. Chethan (Mysuru Warriors, 100).

Yodhas medium pacer Bheem Rao Navale then dismissed Lokesh and Chaturvedi in quick succession before Macneil Noronha (26) and captain Manish Pandey (22) steadied the ship.

The chase was dismantled by Kranti, who took out Harshil Dharmani (23) and skipper R. Smaran (23). Yodhas opener Luvnith Sisodia's (30, 14b, 5x4, 1x6) came good early, but the line-up could not cope with the mounting pressure.

The scores: Gulbarga Mystics 232/8 in 20 overs (Lochan Gowda 47, Prakhar Chaturvedi 45) bt Shivamogga Yodhas 137 in 19.4 overs.

Mysuru Warriors 203/6 in 20 overs (L.R. Chethan 100, K.P. Karthikeya 65) bt Bengaluru Blasters 131 in 16 overs (Praveen Dubey 36, Arbind Kumar 4/17).

SNAPSHOTS

FAI appeals Bhavani's two-month suspension

NEW DELHI: Indian fencer Bhavani Devi landed in trouble during the women's sabre team event of the 26th Asian Senior fencing championships here on Tuesday.

Following a defeat to Thailand in the round of 16, she was issued a Black Card for throwing her mask in frustration. In the aftermath of the incident, Bhavani is facing a two-month suspension as per the applicable disciplinary regulations. Bhavani subsequently submitted an unconditional apology for her conduct.

As per a release, the Fencing Association of India (FAI) has requested the International Fencing Federation (FIE) for reconsideration and removal of the suspension. The appeal has highlighted Bhavani's exemplary disciplinary record through her international career.

South Korea beat Japan to win the women's sabre event while Kazakhstan prevailed over Japan in men's epee.

Pant-Kuldeep trade completed

NEW DELHI: Rishabh Pant has moved back to Delhi Capitals while Lucknow Super Giants has acquired the services of left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav, the IPL announced on Tuesday. Pant's return to Capitals, where he played from 2016 to 2024, follows a disastrous two-year stint with LSG. Having been bought by the Sanjeev Goenka-owned franchise for a record sum of ₹27 crore, Pant will link up with DC at a revised fee of ₹15 crore.

Delhi High Court directs AITA to expedite Constitutional amendments and election

TENNIS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The Delhi High Court directed the interim Executive Committee of the All India Tennis Association (AITA) to expedite the process of amending its Constitution and bringing it in line with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and National Sports Governance Rules, 2026.

The Court said that a fresh election under the amended Constitution will have to be held on or before September 30, 2026.

The nudge was part of the interim order passed on June 18 in an appeal filed by the AITA, and players Somdev Devvarman and Purav Raja, against the judgment delivered in late April which removed the stay on the results of the AITA election held in September 2024 and appointed Justice (Retd.) Gita Mittal as the AITA administrator.

New power centre

The AITA contended that the original judgment, which arose out of a petition filed by Devvarman and Raja, did not find any illegality in the elections, and the appointment of an administrator in such a scenario was impermissible and had created a "parallel structure".

The AITA also stated that tennis' world governing body – the International Tennis Federation (ITF) – may construe this as "third-party interference" and derecognise it. The remuneration of ₹10 lakh per month for the administrator was termed "excessive, arbitrary and unaffordable". Devvarman and Raja, while welcoming the appointment of the administrator, had objected on the grounds that 2024 election was not held according to the law of the land then – the National Sports Code, 2011 – and the officials thus elected cannot be part of the interim management.

ITF query

The Union Sports Ministry told the Court that it does not support the appointment of the administrator and submitted that it had indeed received a letter on May 18 from the ITF seeking clarification.

The Ministry, however, stated that ITF recognised the temporary nature of the proceedings and that the world body would only act if the timelines in the original judgment aren't adhered to.

Race against time

The Court has now asked the AITA to examine the draft amendments already proposed by the administrator and submit its suggestions and objections by June 25. The administrator, after hearing the AITA, should finalise the amendments by July 15.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the AITA should be convened by July 31 to ratify these amendments, and the whole process ought to culminate in an election by the end of September.

Interestingly, the Court clarified that state associations affiliated to the AITA can vote in the EGM and in the new AITA election "irrespective of whether they are compliant with the Sports Act and the Sports Governance Rules at the time of voting". The state bodies are required to comply with the new rules on or before December 31.

The Court further said that any action at the EGM will be subject to the final outcome of the present case, and this would allay the concerns of Devvarman and Raja regarding the AITA not adopting the amendments proposed by the administrator.

Indian athletes make last-gasp effort for Asian Games qualification

Y.B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

A sparkling new track, despite shipping issues in the Strait of Hormuz due to the Iran war, at the Kalinga Stadium here may offer surprises for the country's elite athletes when they seek to qualify for the Asian Games at the only selection opportunity, the National inter-State athletics meet, starting here on Wednesday.

Laying of the track, costing about ₹22 crore, finished on Monday. "I'll have an idea about the track when I compete tomorrow [Wednesday] morning," said 5000m National record holder Gulveer Singh.

World championships finalist high jumper Sarvesh Kushare, who equalled his personal best 2.28m at the Federation meet in Ranchi, added: "I have competed in these conditions before. I will give my best here."

All in readiness: AFI officials and senior athletes after the press conference. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Sprinter Animesh Kujur, who landed here on Tuesday after being part of India's gold-winning 4x100m men's team in the Asian Relays in China, had a clear target.

"I hope to get back my (100m National) record," said Kujur, who would compete in 100m and 200m.

Joint National record holder pole vaulters Dev Meena and Kuldeep Kumar wanted to repeat their Ranchi mark (5.45m) and qualify for the Asiad.

National record holders, quartermiler Vishal T.K., woman high jumper Pooja, are among the leading athletes who will be seen in action.

Comeback

Following her injury layoff, hurdler Jyothi Yarraji is making a comeback after a year.

Some top names, including former World and Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, 100m National record holder Gurindervir Singh, National record holder decathlete Tejaswin Shankar, have got exemption from the meet.

Kohli, Rohit for World Cup: only fitness and form should matter

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Pretty soon, the Indian selectors will have to take a call on the future of two of the greatest players to have put bat to white ball. Both Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma appear keen to play in the World Cup in October-November next year. India play at least 18 One-Day Internationals before that, possibly more.

On paper, the selectors' task is straightforward: keep tabs on form and fitness, the only two metrics that matter, although Kohli turns 39 during the World Cup and Rohit will be 40 earlier.

But its seldom so simple in India. For one, should the two greats be hyphenated? Is it a Kohli-Rohit issue, or will dropping one make it easier to justify the other's selection? Is this cricket's version of the Prisoner's Dilemma, where if one person withdraws, the other goes through?

Have the players been told in advance what the selectorial thinking is so they know what to expect and there will be no embarrassment? Can a 'cricketing' decision, which is what it will be touted as either way, be independent of the sentiment and romance attached to it?

Chairman Ajit Agarkar and his team have shown a streak of ruthlessness Indian cricket is unfamiliar with, ditching the captain who won the T20 World Cup. Suryakumar Yadav was desperately short of runs, and India's pool in T20 cricket is so vast and so deep that it was a justified call. Fan response was muted, although that will not be the case with Kohli and Rohit. The selectors' message, though, is simple: runs matter.

The three-match ODI series in England next month will be crucial. Both as an opportunity for self-assessment for the two veterans and to give the selectors some clues.

Kohli, who missed the Afghanistan series with a hamstring injury, was replaced by Yashasvi Jaiswal who made a century in the last match. But Jaiswal is not in the team for England (unless Kohli misses out again and he takes the older man's place). Younger players in form shouldn't be kept waiting for too long; it's easy to sympathise with Jaiswal. But such are India's riches.

Selectors have the job of balancing the past with the future while focusing on the present. Youngsters have to be given a chance to succeed, while veterans need the chance to fail, as this column has often argued.

In other words, youngsters require the freedom and backing to build confidence without fear of being dropped immediately. Veterans possess an equity that entitles them to a bad run without being instantly discarded.

Skipper Shubman Gill has not looked uncomfortable with former captains playing under him.

This was not always the case with India where former captains often acted like they had power but no responsibility. Gill's inputs will be important too as he settles in for a long career as batter and captain, possibly in all three formats.

Rohit Sharma missed the 2011 World Cup which India won. The chairman of selectors then, Krishnamachari Srikkanth apologised for this a decade later. He said in a podcast, "I still feel bad for him. We just wanted more all-round options." Rohit has come through a lot since then, including, as captain, the agony of losing the last final at home to Australia.

Kohli was a key member of that 2011 squad, starting with a century and finishing with an important partnership in the final with Gautam Gambhir.

Not that any of that should matter to the selectors. It wouldn't do to choose players based purely on past record or to compensate for past wrongs. The present should be all that matters here. Playing in South Africa (and Zimbabwe) means the experience of the stalwarts is important.

As things stand, Kohli probably has the better chance of making the team a year from now. His fitness has been an example to colleagues, and so too his motivation and fierce competitive spirit. Rohit might appear more laidback but he is equally motivated and competitive. In the end, it will have to be form and fitness alone that matter.

Between now and the final selection, Kohli and Rohit will figure prominently in all discussions, an important adjunct to the main story of India's preparation.